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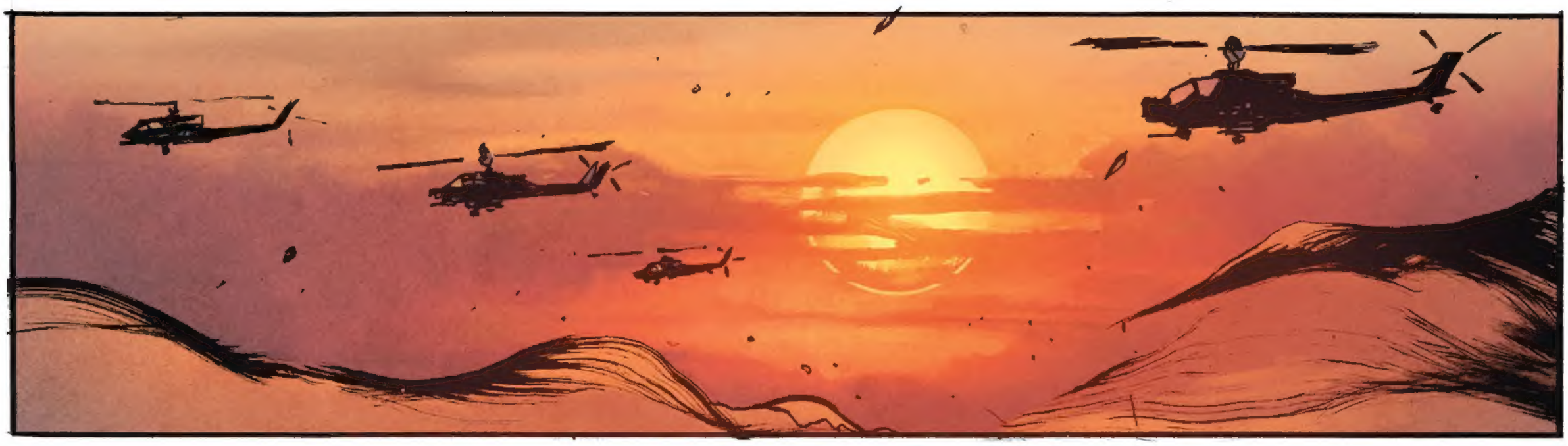
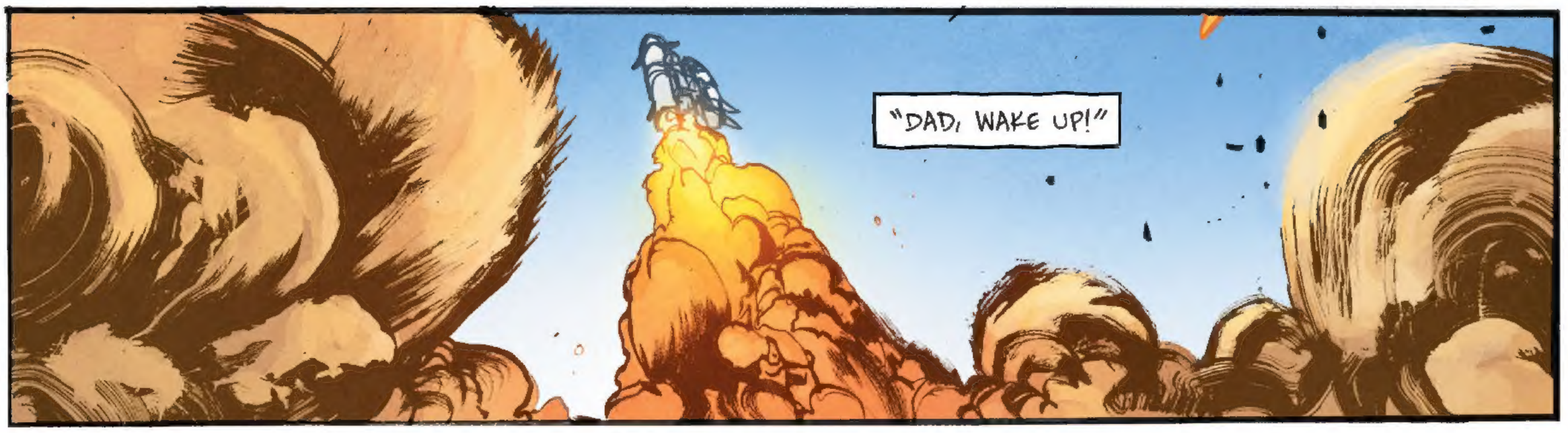
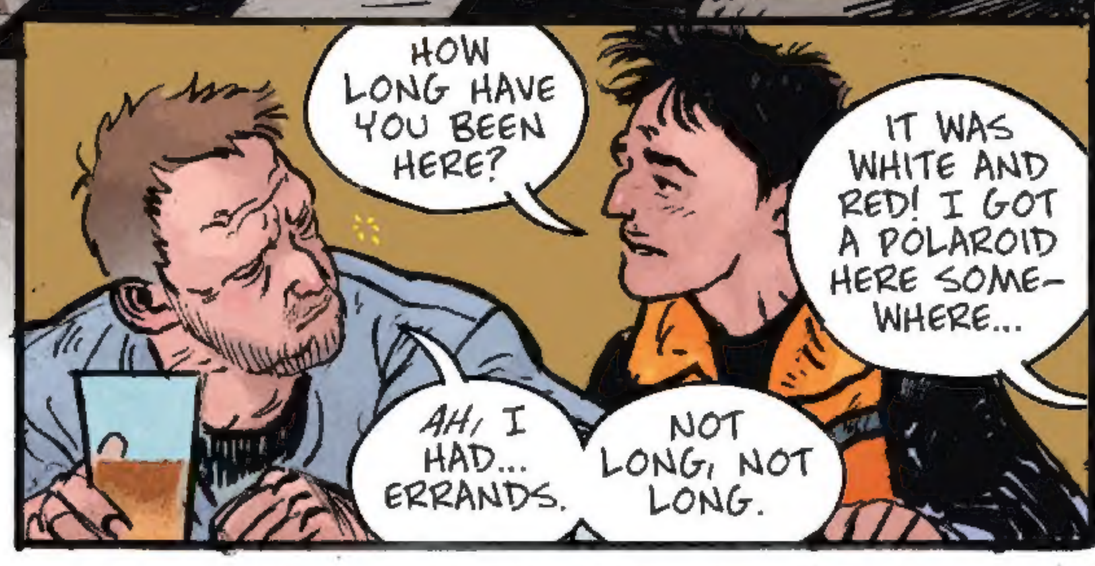
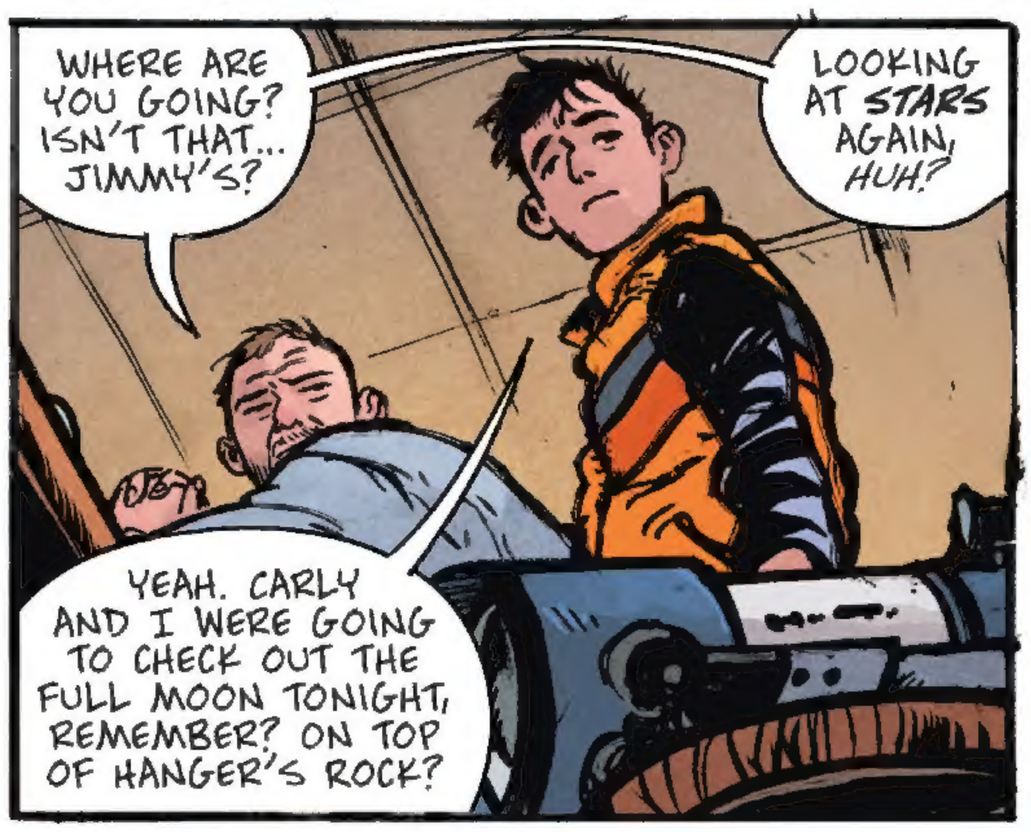


"DAD?


"DAD, WAKE UP!"

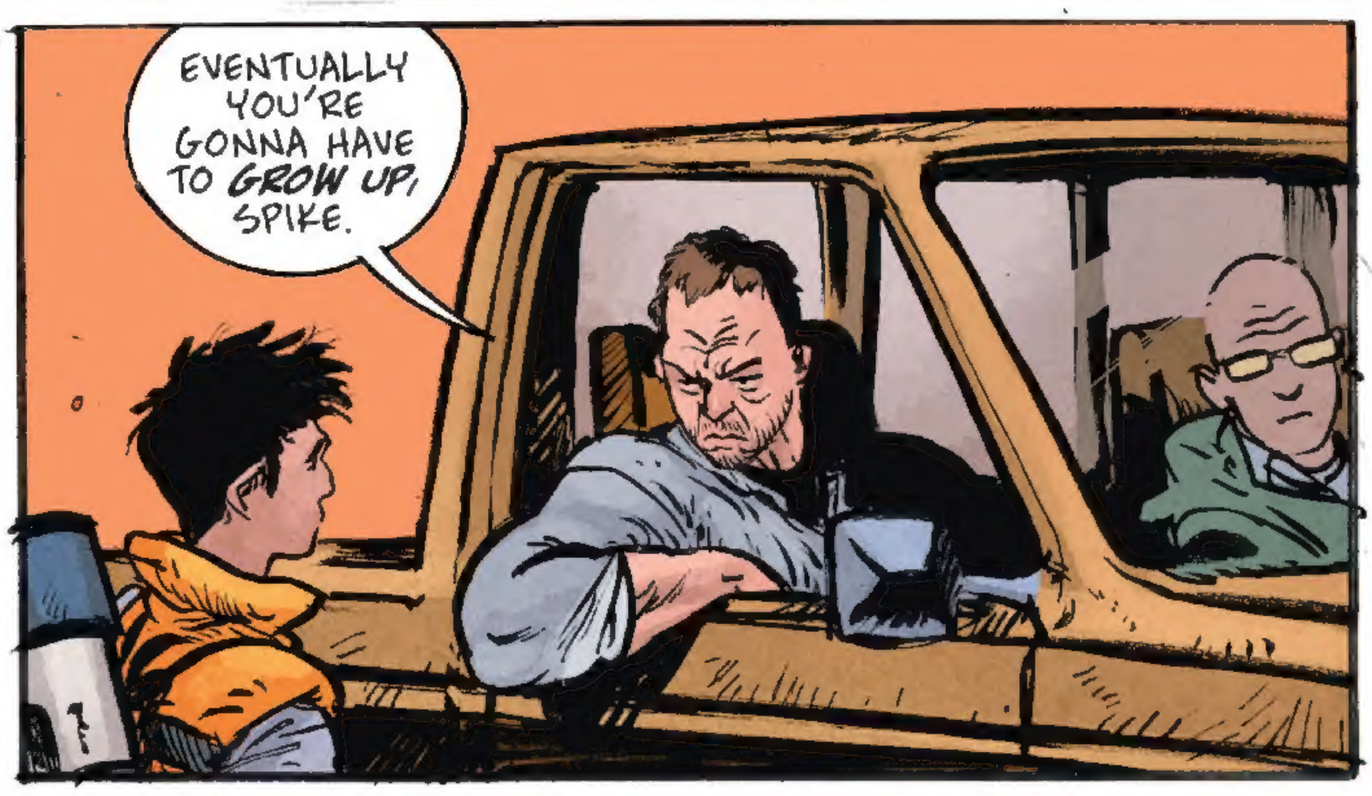
GEEZ, SPIKE! DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! DAD...
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN TWO EYES! A FIGHTER JET CAME DOWN FROM SPACE! SHAPED LIKE A BOX!
SURE, JERRY.





HEY, DAVEY.
STILL NEED A RIDE? FOR THE NIGHT SHIFT?
YEP.
EXIT

YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY TO WORK? I--
I'M FINE. LET'S GO.
DAD. WAIT.


EVENTUALLY YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO GROW UP, SPIKE.

...AND BE LIKE YOU?

LET'S GO.
ALL RIGHT, SPARKY.

THAT SOUNDED ROUGH.

YEAH, CARLY...
IT WAS.
C'MON.

"LET'S GO PRETEND WE'RE ON ANOTHER PLANET."
THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE VAN IS LOOKING GREAT.
YOU LIKE IT? MY DAD GOT ME A NEW AIRBRUSH. SUPER HAPPY WITH HOW IT TURNED OUT.

IT'S STILL MISSING SOMETHING THOUGH... NOT SURE WHAT.

SO? DID YOU TELL HIM? ABOUT BERKELEY?
AH, WE DIDN'T MAKE IT THAT FAR.

I KNOW, I KNOW...

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID TO TELL HIM YOU'RE TRYING TO BE AN ASTRONAUT. CAL IS THE BEST PLACE TO DO IT.
I'LL TELL HIM SOON. WHAT ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU LOOKING AT ART SCHOOLS?

MY DAD AND I... WE'RE PULLING EXTRA SHIFTS, MAKING THE MONEY PART HAPPEN.
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY, BUT...

I WISH IT WAS EASY FOR YOU, SPIKE. I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR DAD. ABOUT JIMMY.

ME, TOO.

WHOAH!
SPIKE!

KKKRRRAK

FRM!

AGH!

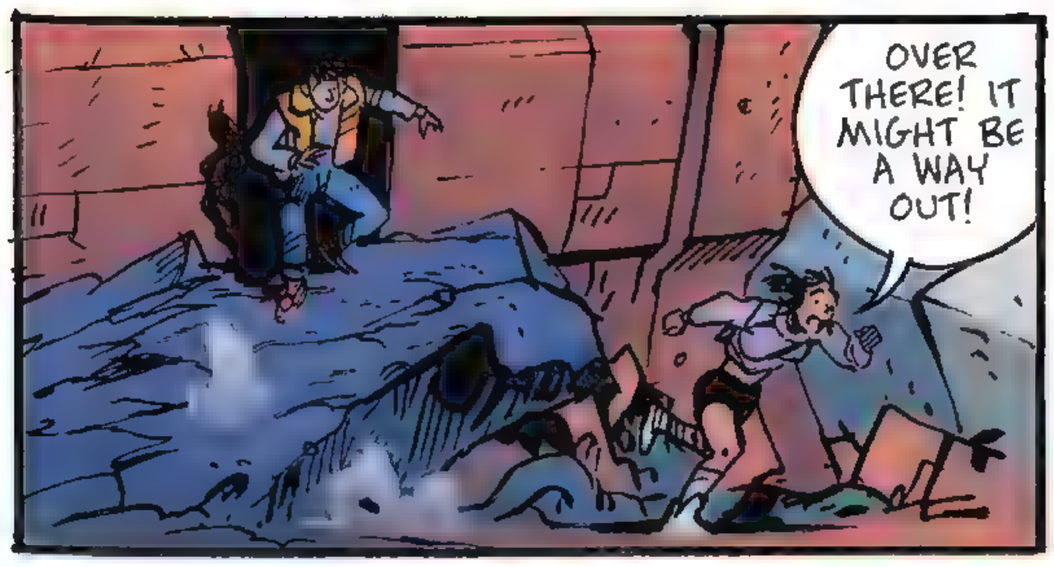
SPIKE, ARE YOU--?

WHOAH...

WHAT THE HECK...?

WHERE ARE WE?
WE...WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE! WHAT IS THIS THING? SPIKE!
...SPIKE?

WHAT ARE THOSE?
THEY LOOK LIKE... I DON'T KNOW. SOME SORT OF ROBOTS.

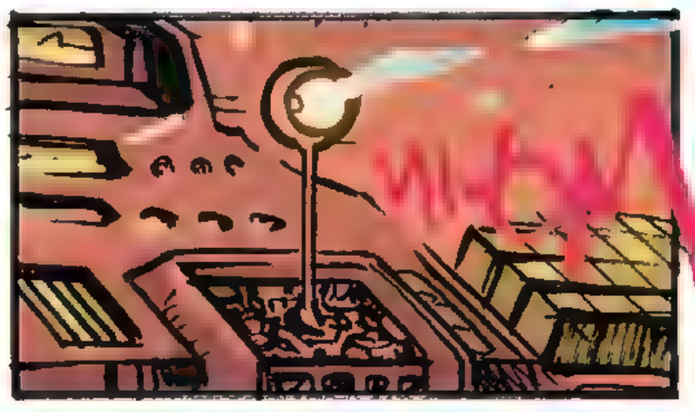

OVER THERE! IT MIGHT BE A WAY OUT!

CARLY, WAIT—

MY FALLEN FRIENDS. IT IS FINALLY TIME.
HAD I ENOUGH POWER TO LIFT THIS SHIP FROM ITS MOUNTAIN TRAP, I WOULD BRING YOU ALL HOME.

BUT I ONLY HAD JUST ENOUGH ENERGON TO TRIGGER THE EARTHQUAKE AND REVEAL YOUR-SELVES TO ME.

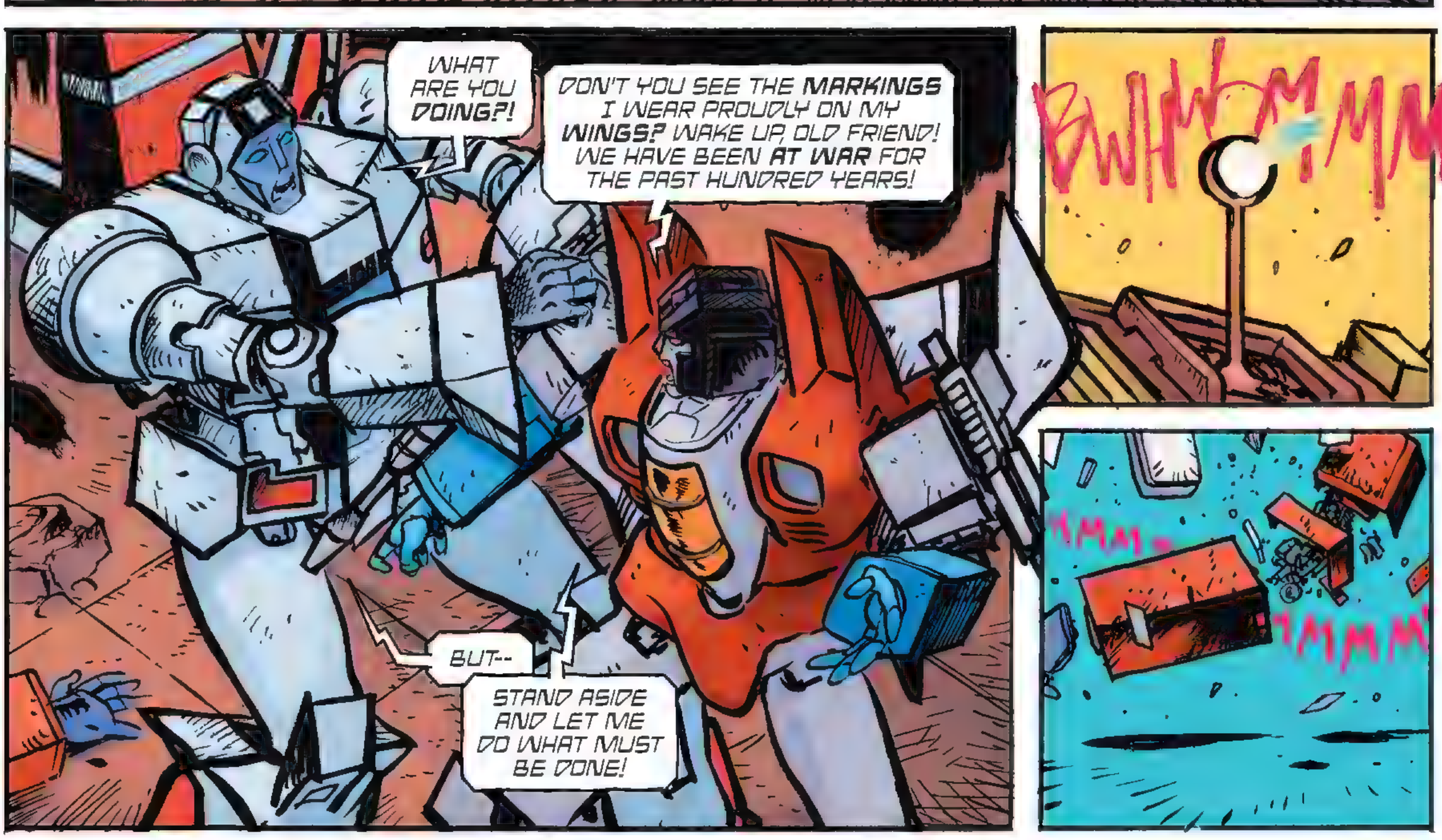
CHK

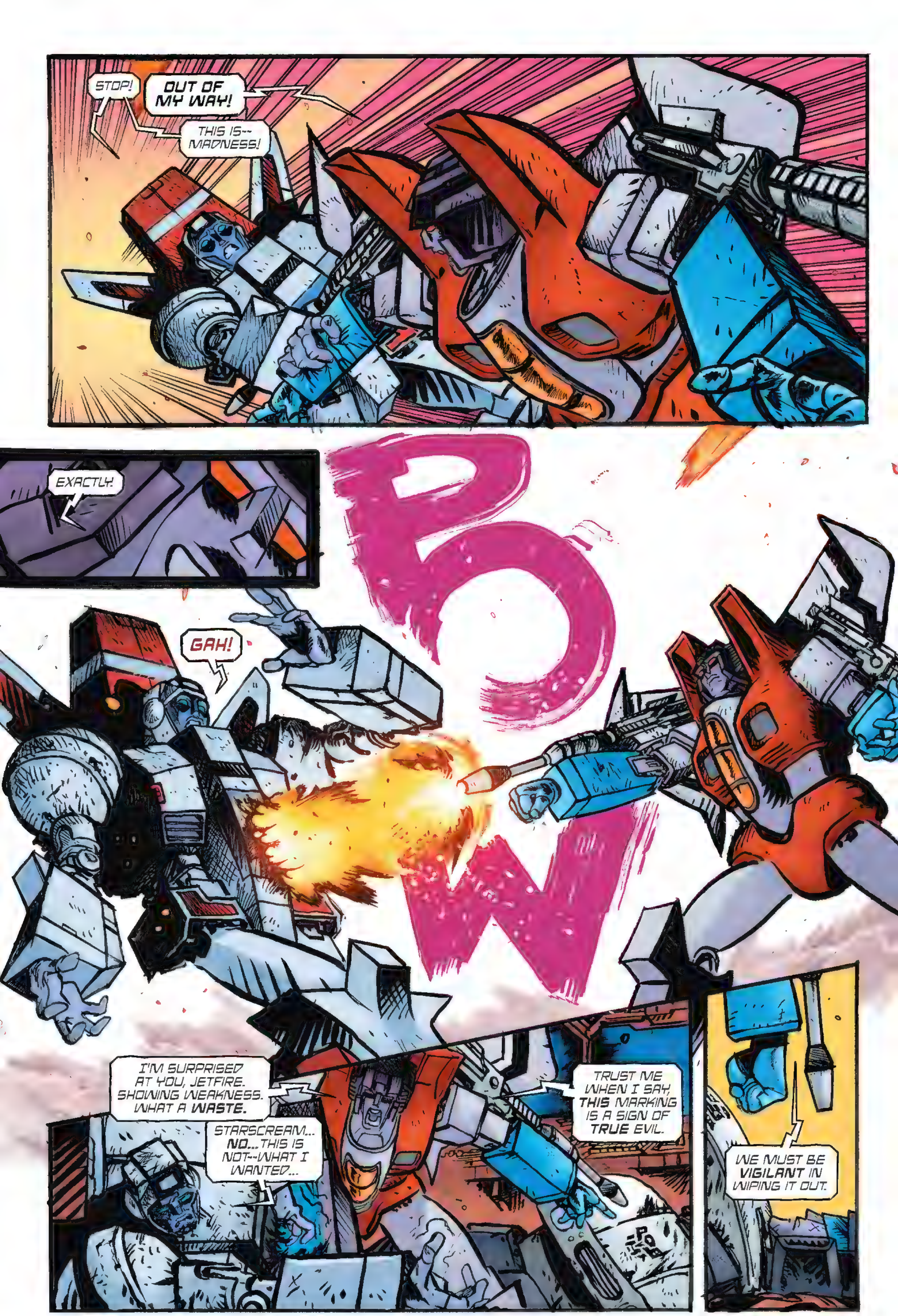


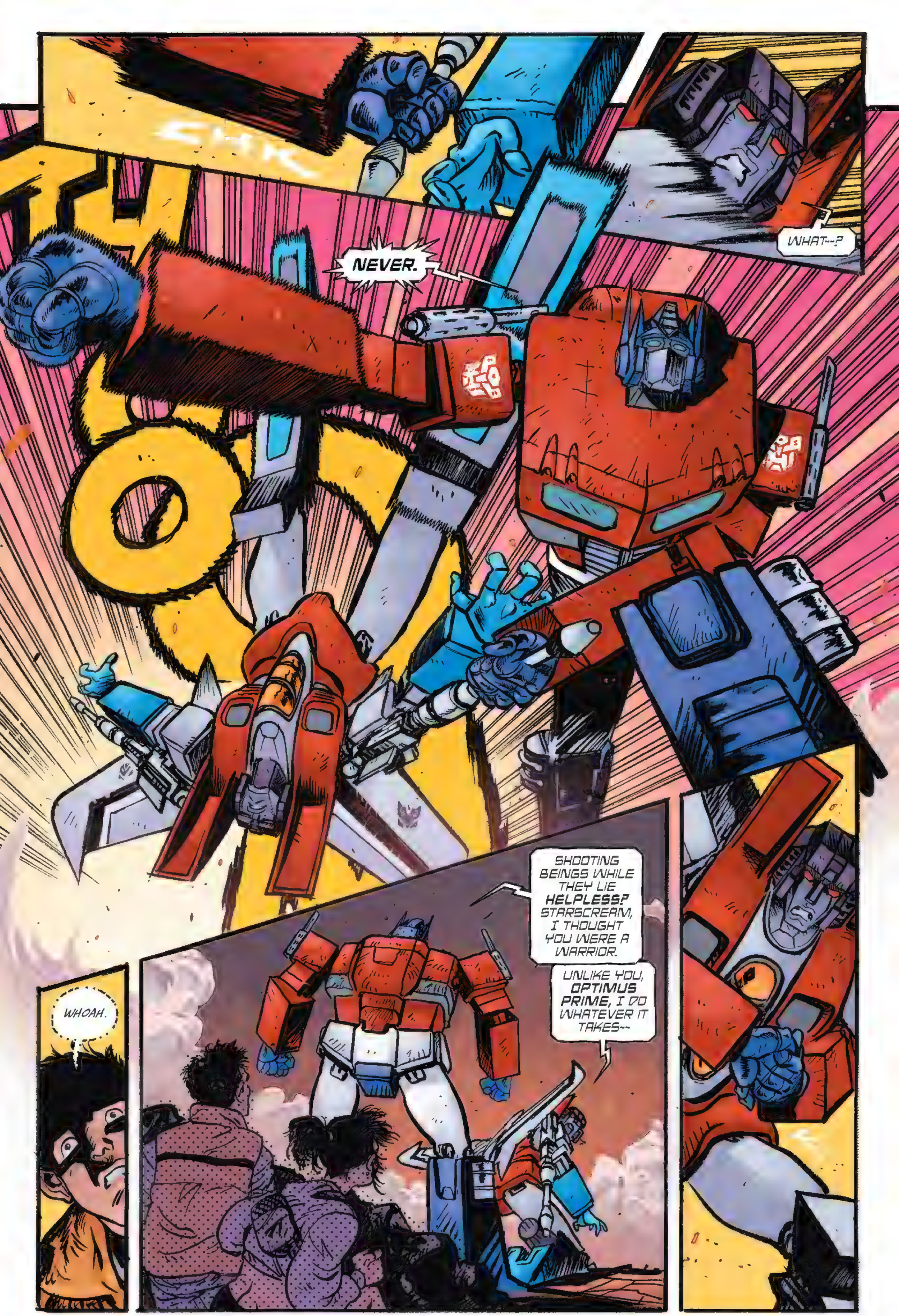
UNTIL THE DAY THAT WE CAN GATHER ENOUGH ENERGY TO RETURN, I HAVE FOUND YOU NEW FORMS, ONES THAT THE CREATURES OF THIS EARTH WILL FIND FAMILIAR.

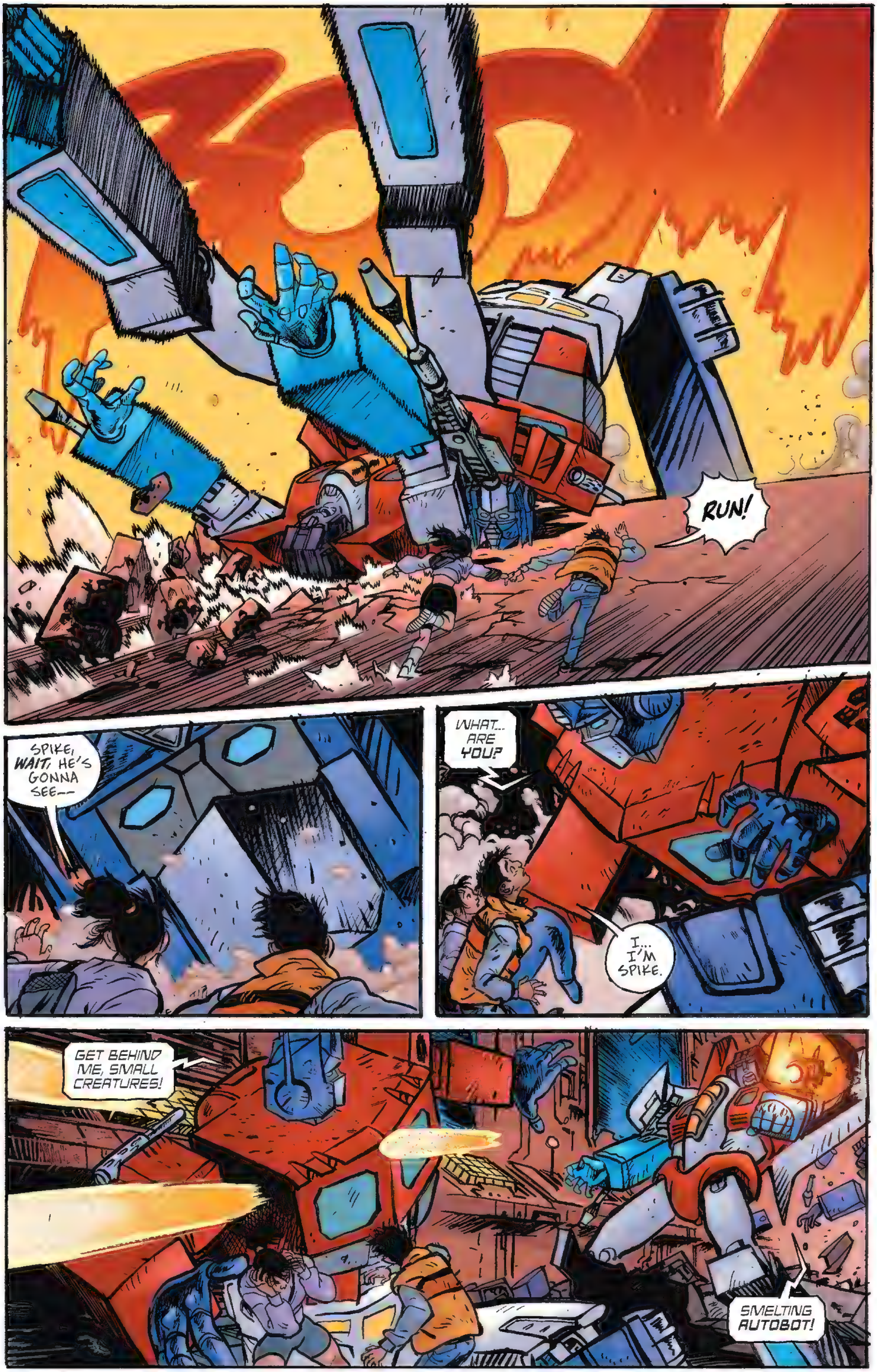
THIS COMPUTER, TELETRAAN ONE, CAN PIECE YOU ALL TOGETHER TO FULL STRENGTH.
WHOMMMMM
OVER HERE, QUICK!
STARSCREAM. MY OLD FRIEND. I HAVE NOT SEEN YOU... FOR EONS.

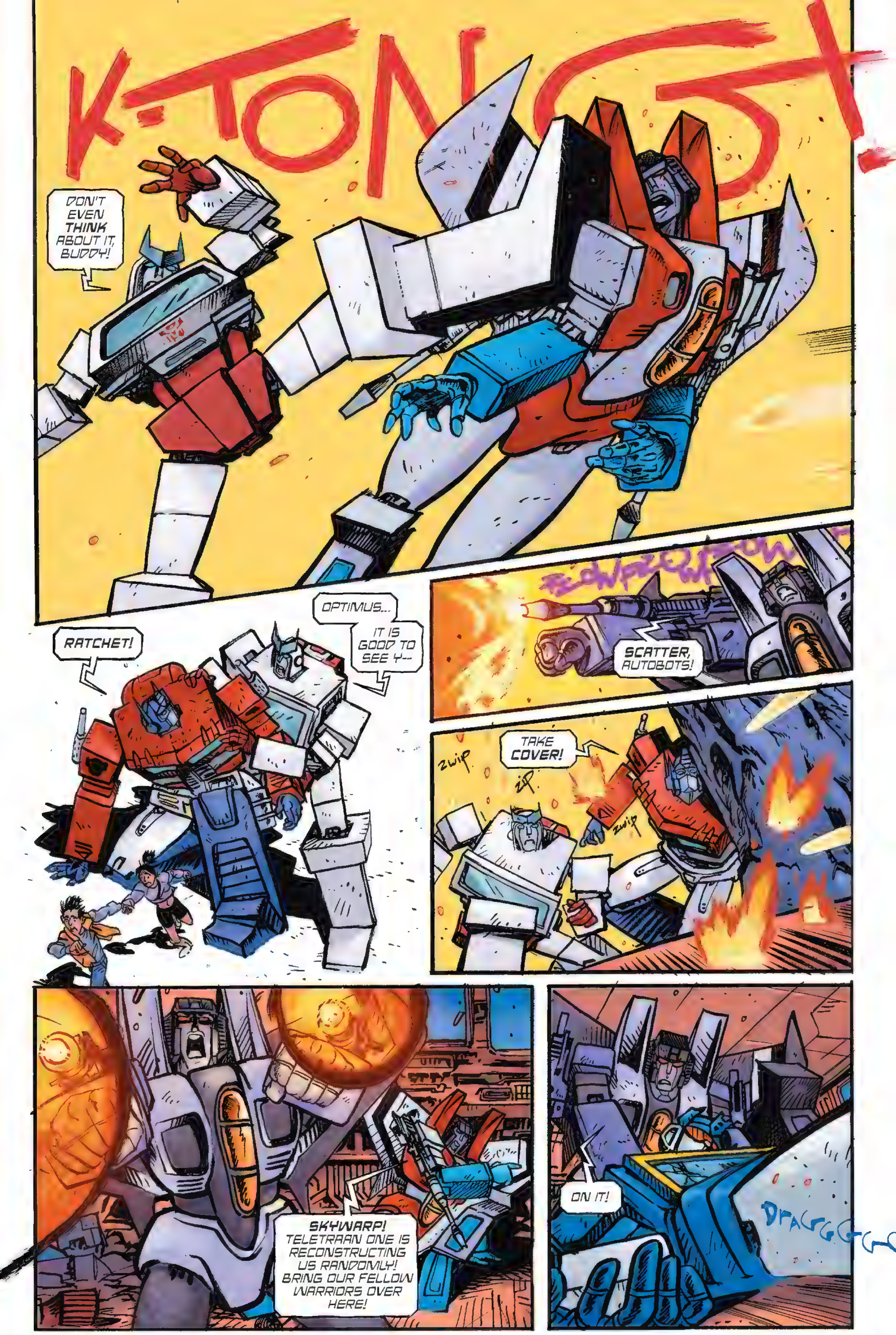
JETFIRE. COMRADE. THANK YOU FOR WAKING ME.
!
I'M GLAD TO FIND YOU'VE PICKED THE RIGHT SIDE.

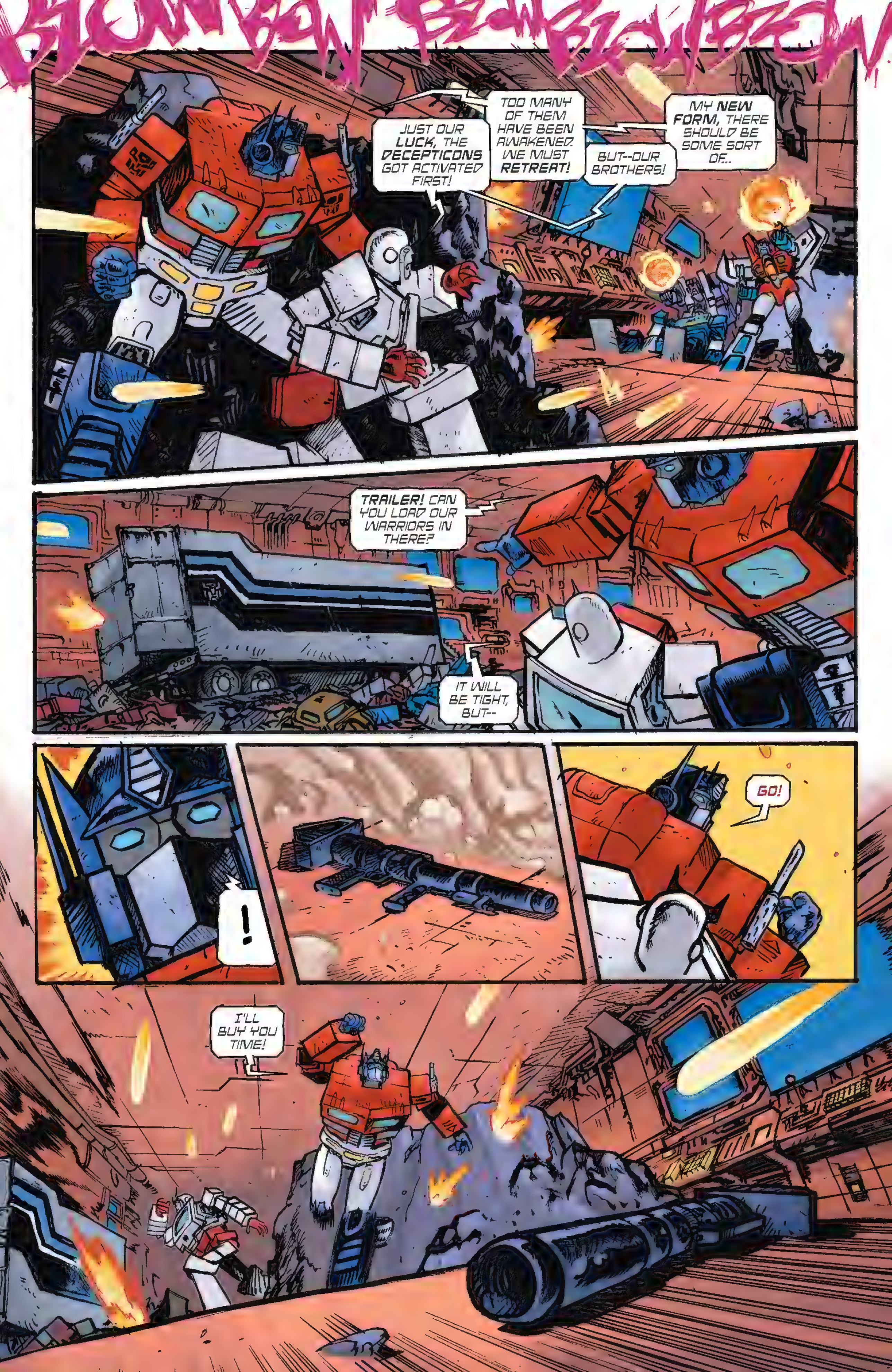

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
DON'T YOU SEE THE MARKINGS I WEAR PROUDLY ON MY WINGS? WAKE UP, OLD FRIEND! WE HAVE BEEN AT WAR FOR THE PAST HUNDRED YEARS!
BWHOOM
BUT--
STAND ASIDE AND LET ME DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!

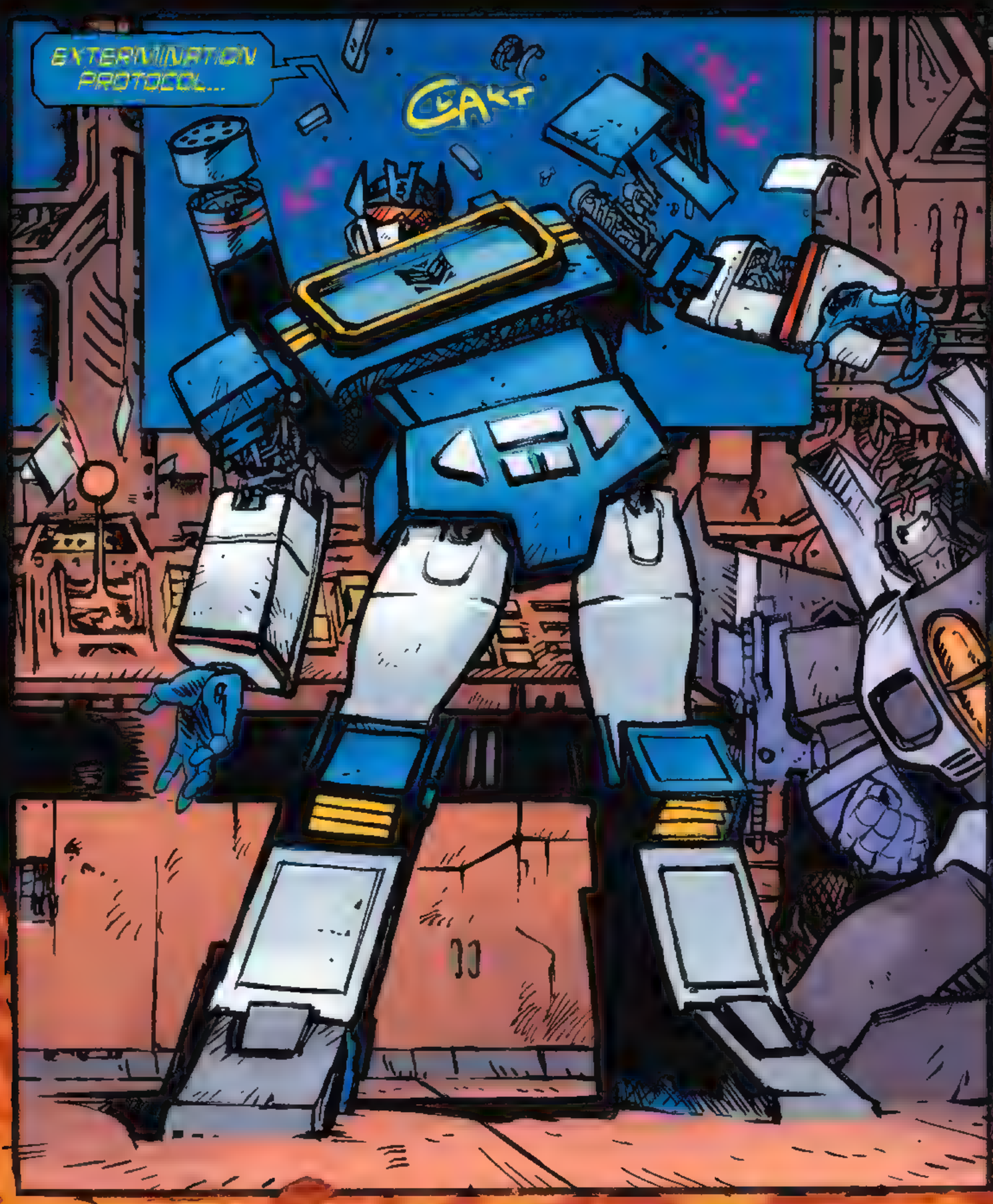

STOP!
OUT OF MY WAY!
THIS IS-- MADNESS!
EXACTLY.
GAH!
I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, JETFIRE. SHOWING WEAKNESS. WHAT A WASTE.
STARSCREAM... NO...THIS IS NOT--WHAT I WANTED...
TRUST ME WHEN I SAY, THIS MARKING IS A SIGN OF TRUE EVIL.
WE MUST BE VIGILANT IN WIPING IT OUT.


NEVER.
WHAT--?
WHOAH.
SHOOTING BEINGS WHILE THEY LIE HELPLESS? STARSCREAM, I THOUGHT YOU WERE A WARRIOR.
UNLIKE YOU, OPTIMUS PRIME, I DO WHATEVER IT TAKES--


RUN!
SPIKE, WAIT, HE'S GONNA SEE--
WHAT... ARE YOU?
I... I'M SPIKE.
GET BEHIND ME, SMALL CREATURES!
SMELTING AUTOBOT!


K-TONGS!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT, BUDDY!
RATCHET!
OPTIMUS...
IT IS GOOD TO SEE Y--
SCATTER, AUTOBOTS!
zwip
zip
zwip
TAKE COVER!
SKYWARP! TELETRAAN ONE IS RECONSTRUCTING US RANDOMLY! BRING OUR FELLOW WARRIORS OVER HERE!
ON IT!


JUST OUR LUCK, THE DECEPTICONS GOT ACTIVATED FIRST!
TOO MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN AWAKENED. WE MUST RETREAT!
BUT--OUR BROTHERS!
MY NEW FORM, THERE SHOULD BE SOME SORT OF..
TRAILER! CAN YOU LOAD OUR WARRIORS IN THERE?
IT WILL BE TIGHT, BUT--
!
GO!
I'LL BUY YOU TIME!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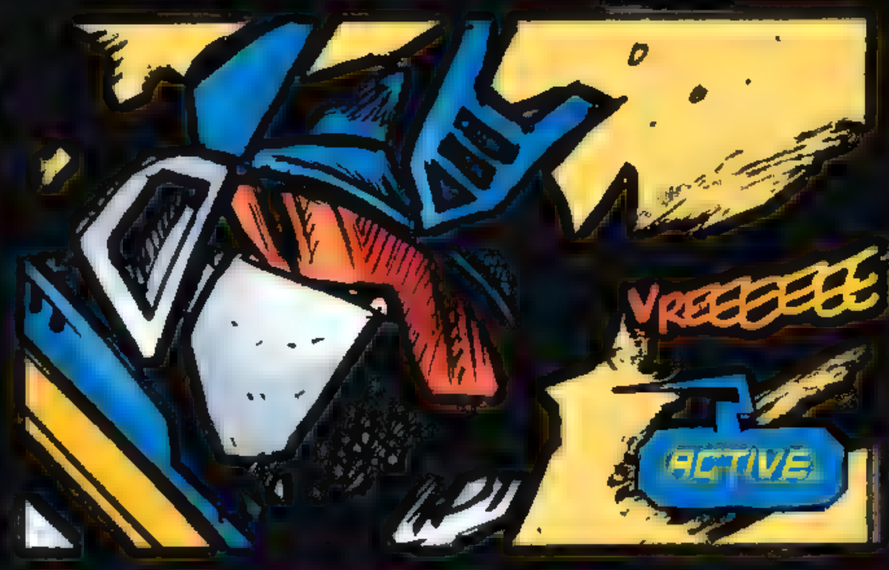
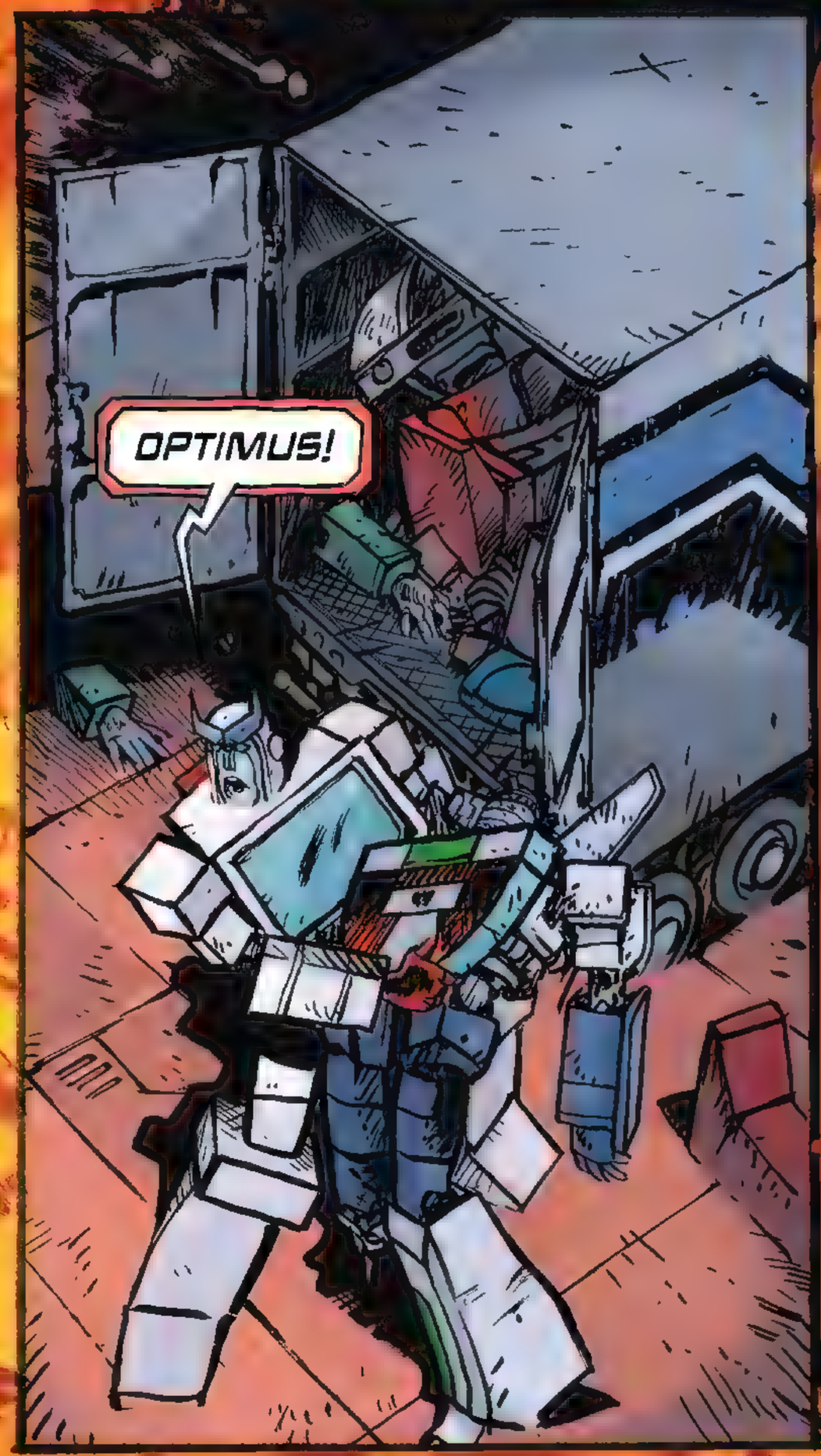
CLAKT


VREEEEEE
ACTIVE

BRRM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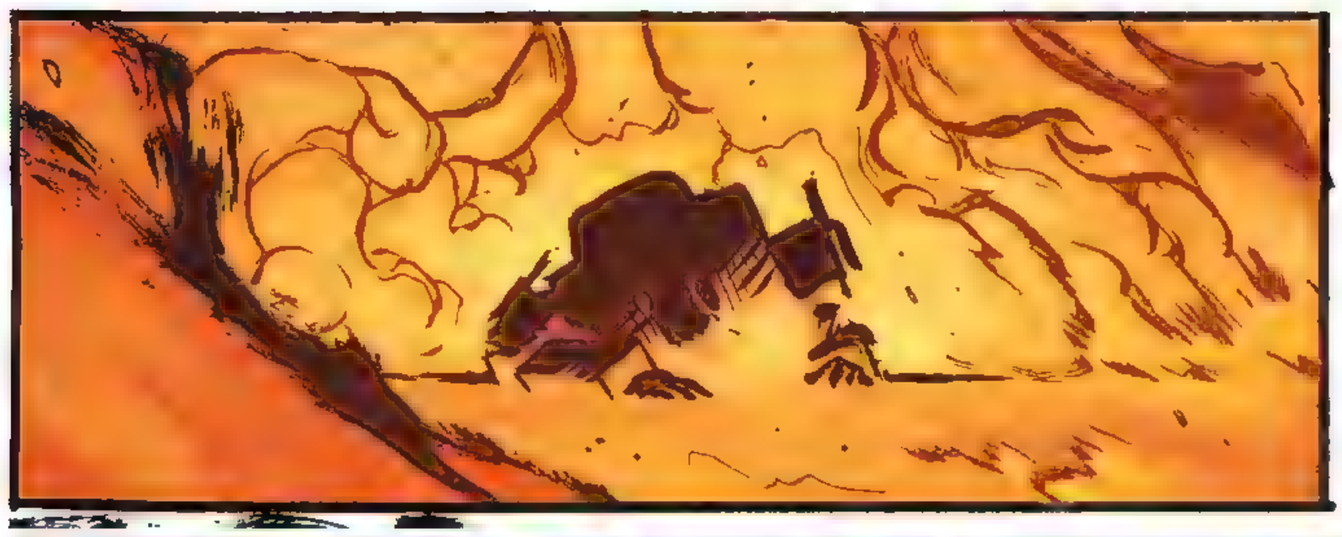
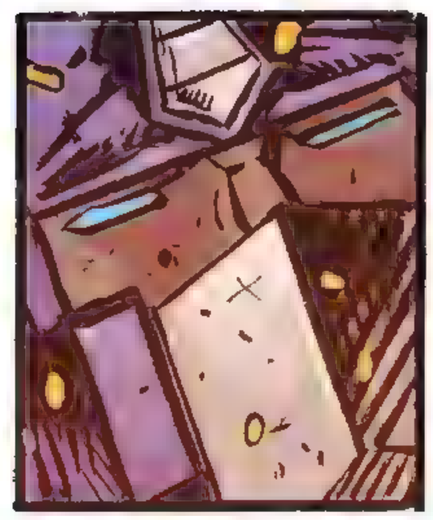
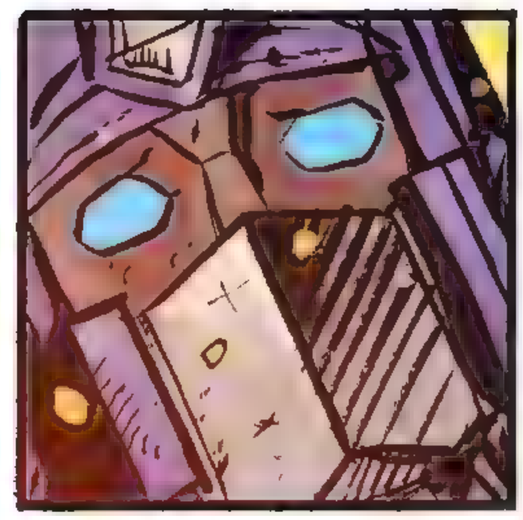
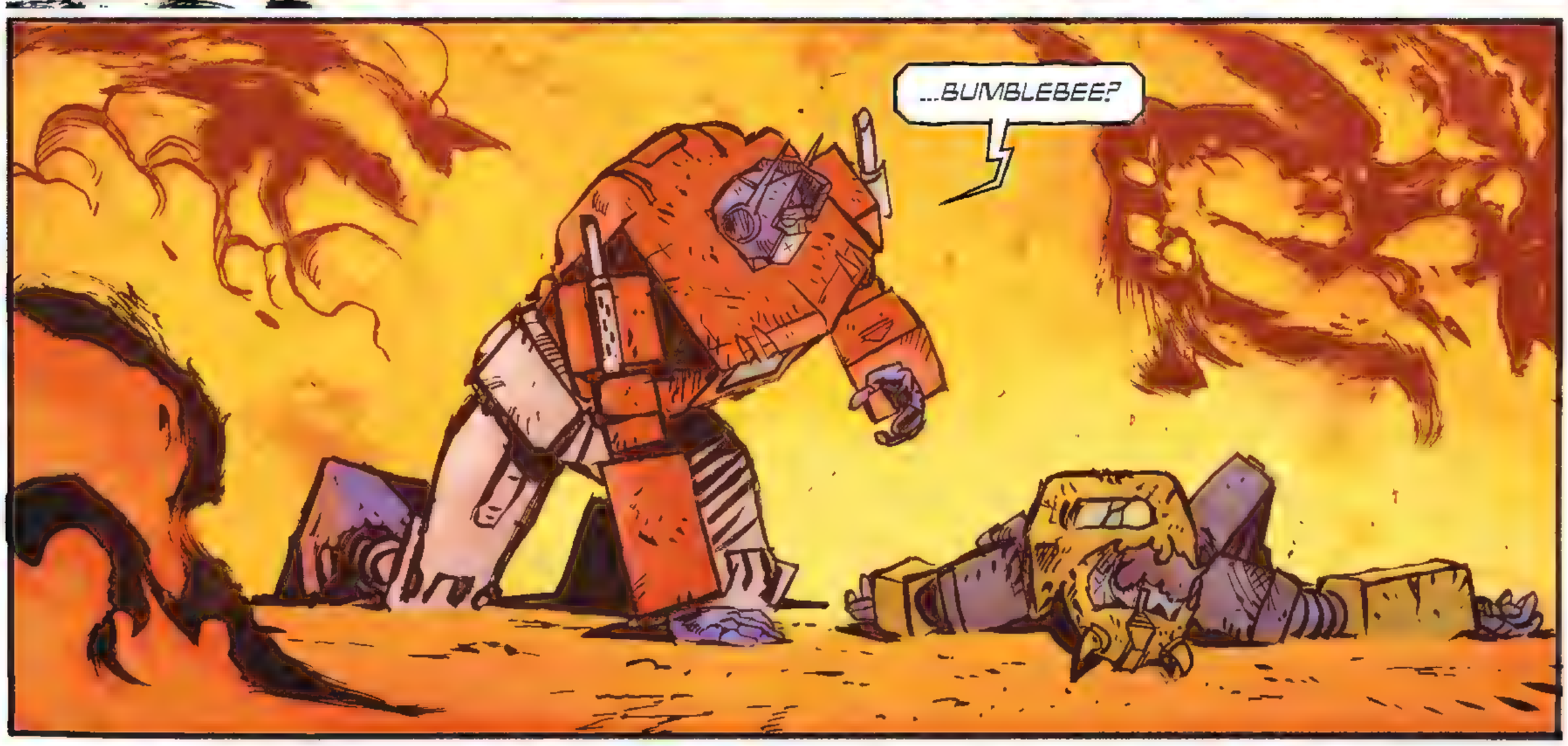


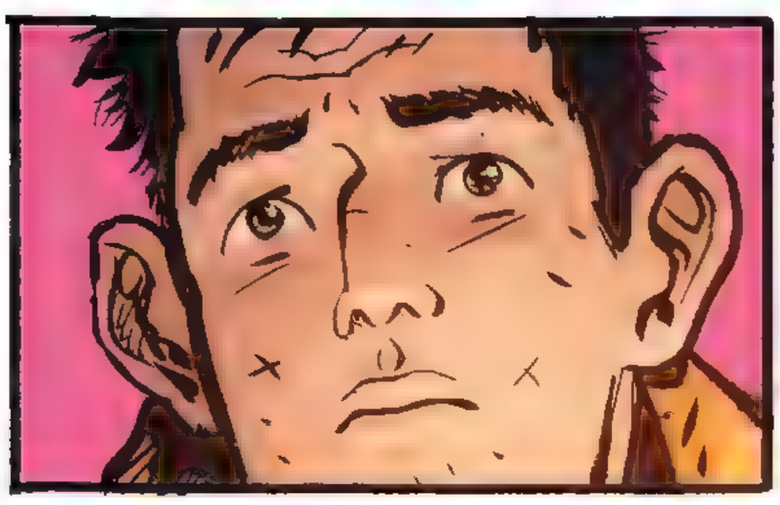




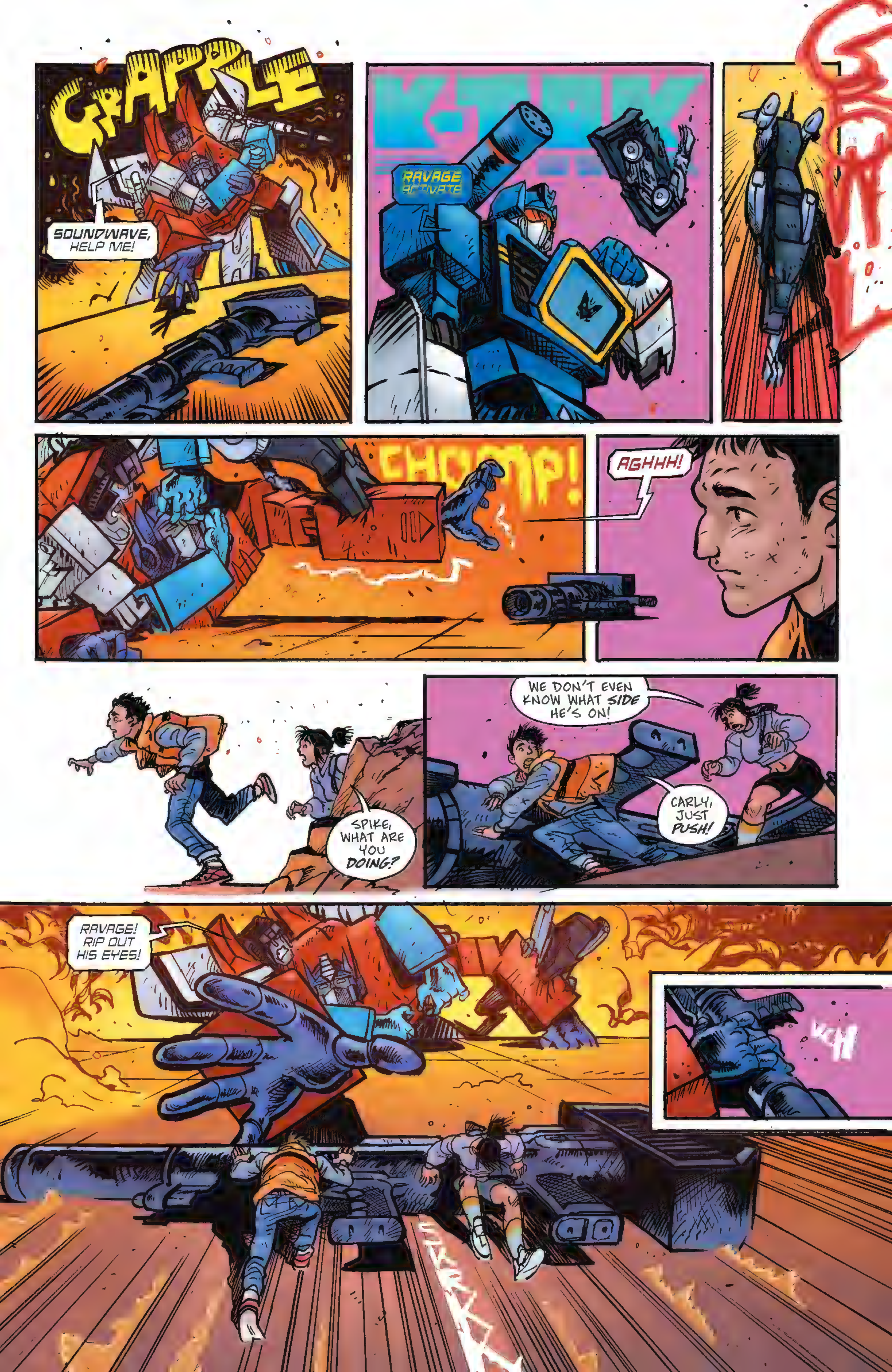

...BUMBLEBEE?

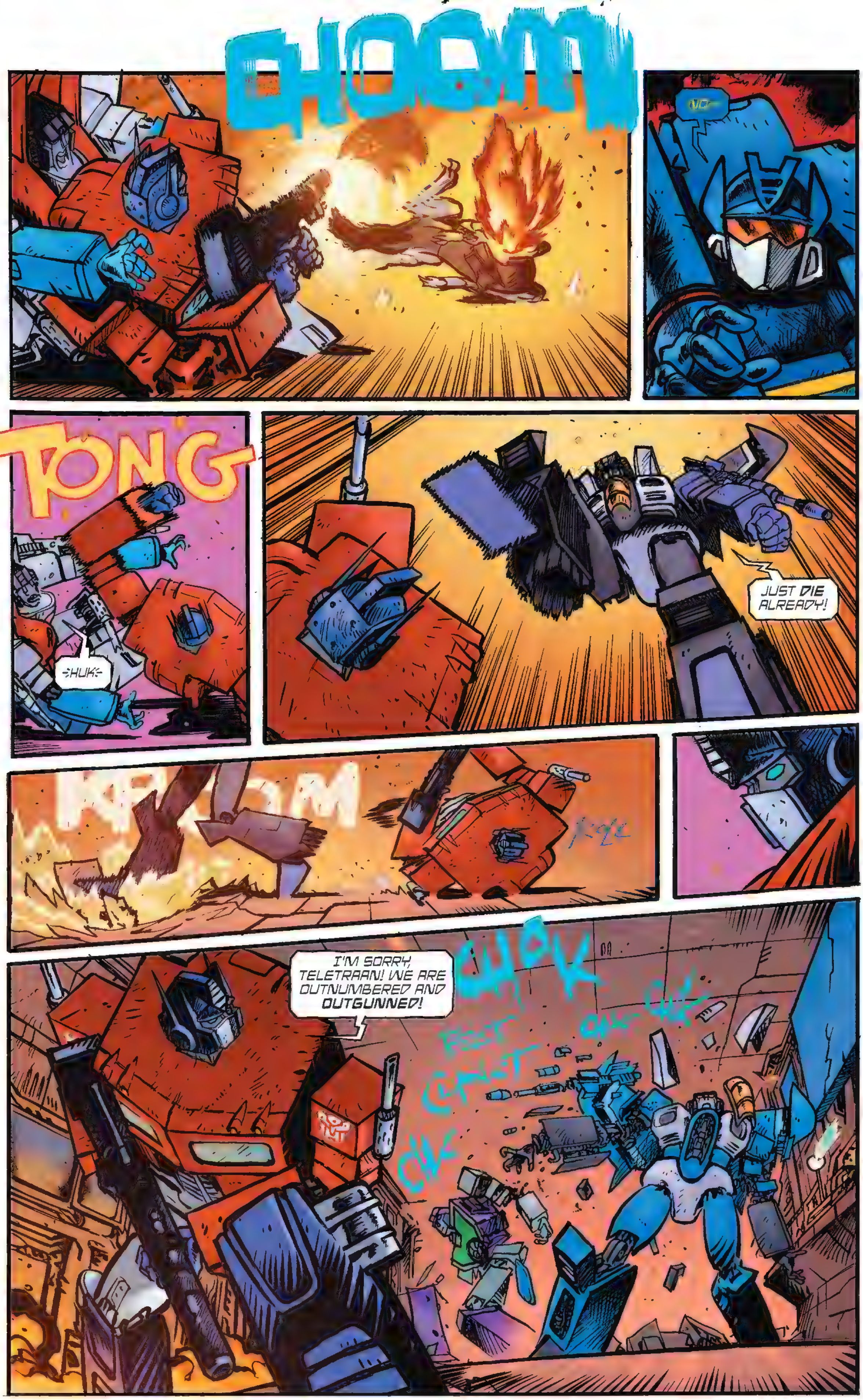
OH, NO...

OH, NO.



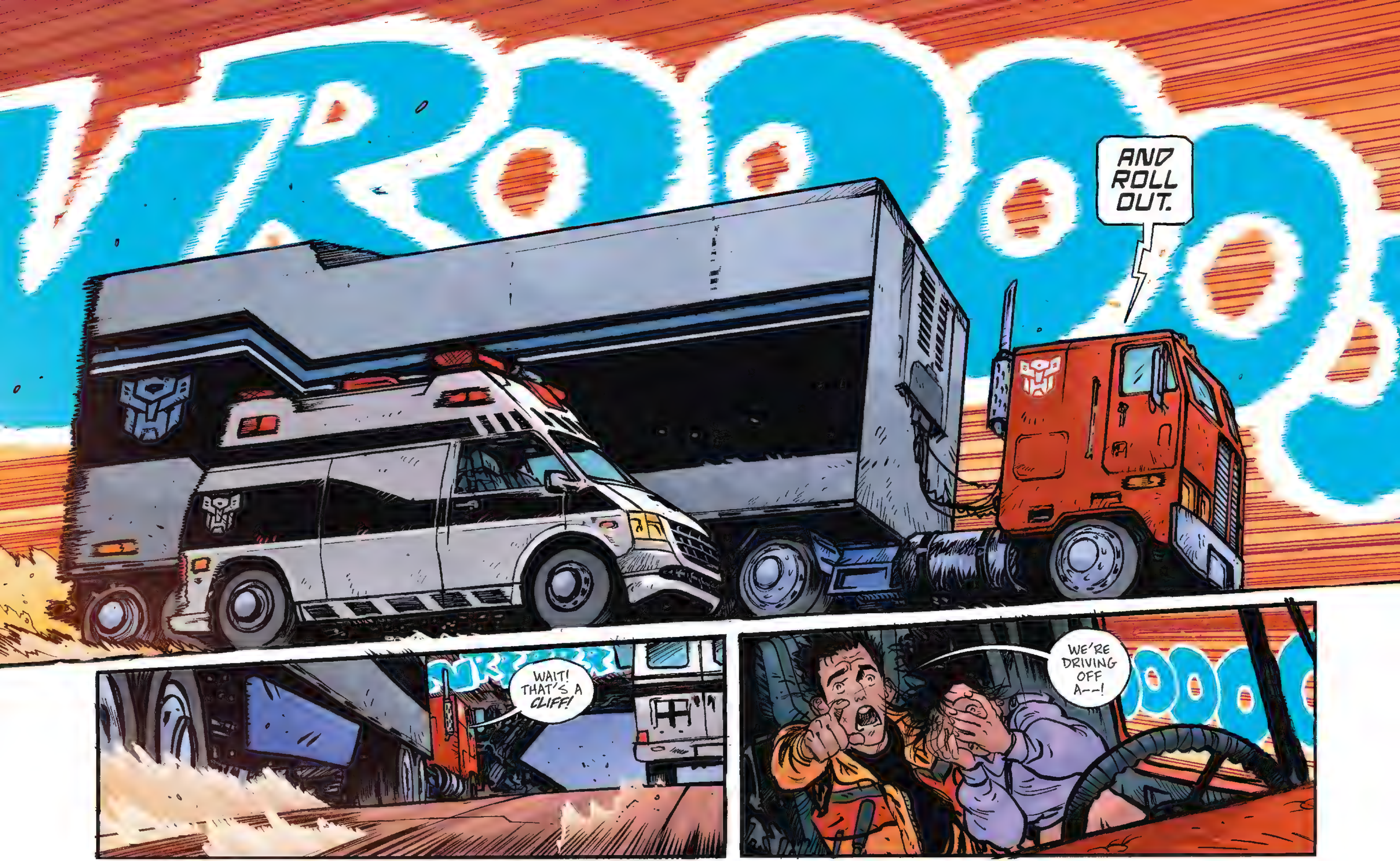
LOOK AT THIS FOOL... MOURNING OVER THE WEAKEST OF THEM ALL!


GRAPPLE
SOUNDWAVE, HELP ME!
RAVAGE ACTIVATE
CHOMP!
AGHHH!
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT SIDE HE'S ON!
CARLY, JUST PUSH!
SPIKE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
RAVAGE! RIP OUT HIS EYES!

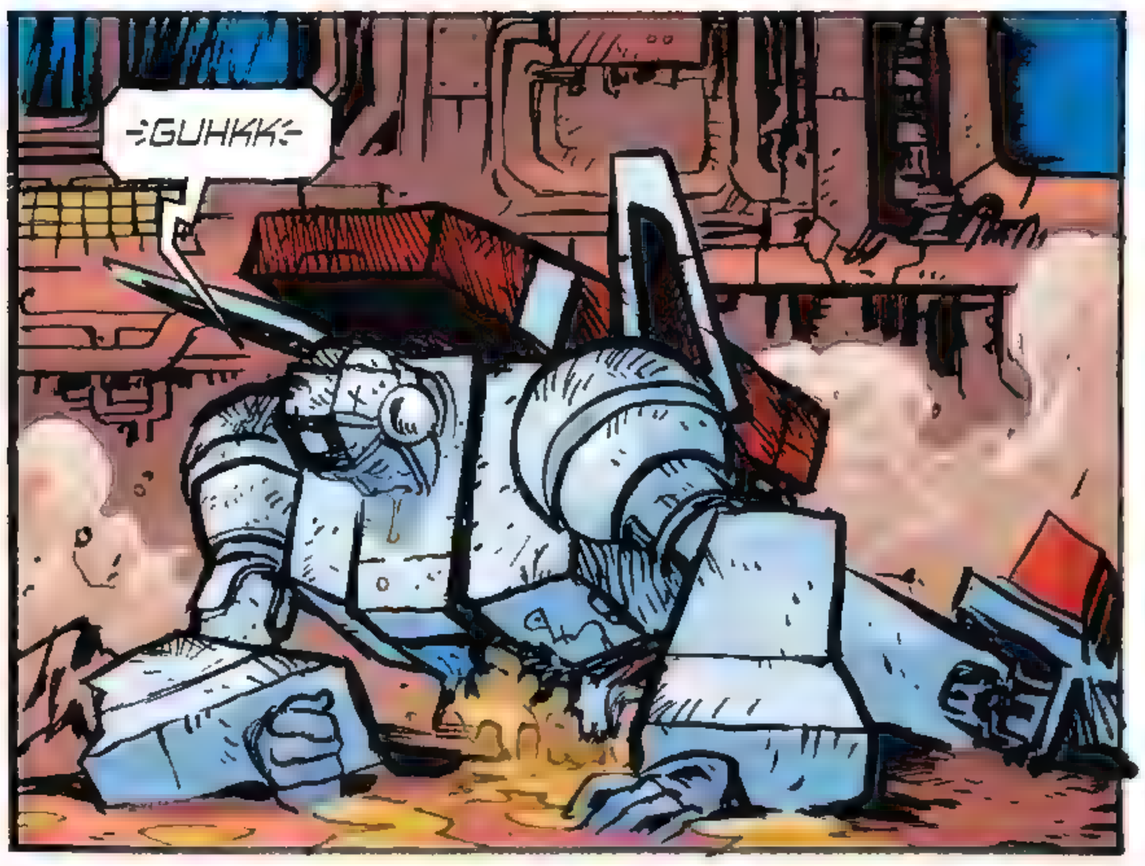

BOOM
TONG
-HUK-
JUST DIE ALREADY!
I'M SORRY, TELETRAAN! WE ARE OUTNUMBERED AND OUTGUNNED!

BCHK
I HAVE NO CHOICE!
NO!
OPTIMUS, WE'RE LOADED UP--
WHOAH.

WHAT IS YOUR MALFUNCTION, SOUNDWAVE?!
POWER
WE ALL NEED POWER! OUR ENERGON RESERVES ARE NEARLY EMPTY!
WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT LATER! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
RATCHET! TRANSFORM!
KHEE
KHEE


AND ROLL OUT.
WAIT! THAT'S A CLIFF!
WE'RE DRIVING OFF A--!

YAAA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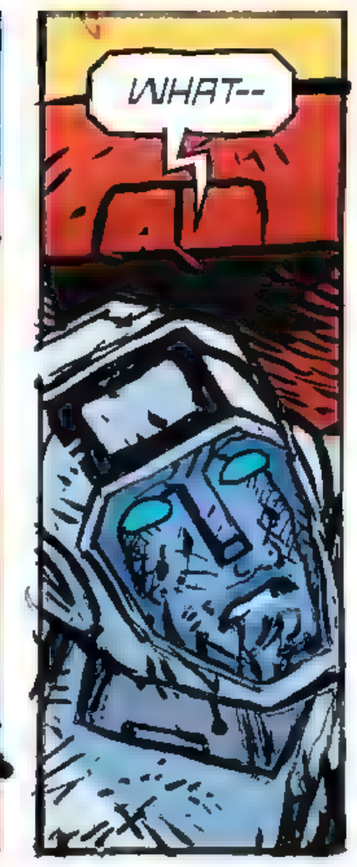
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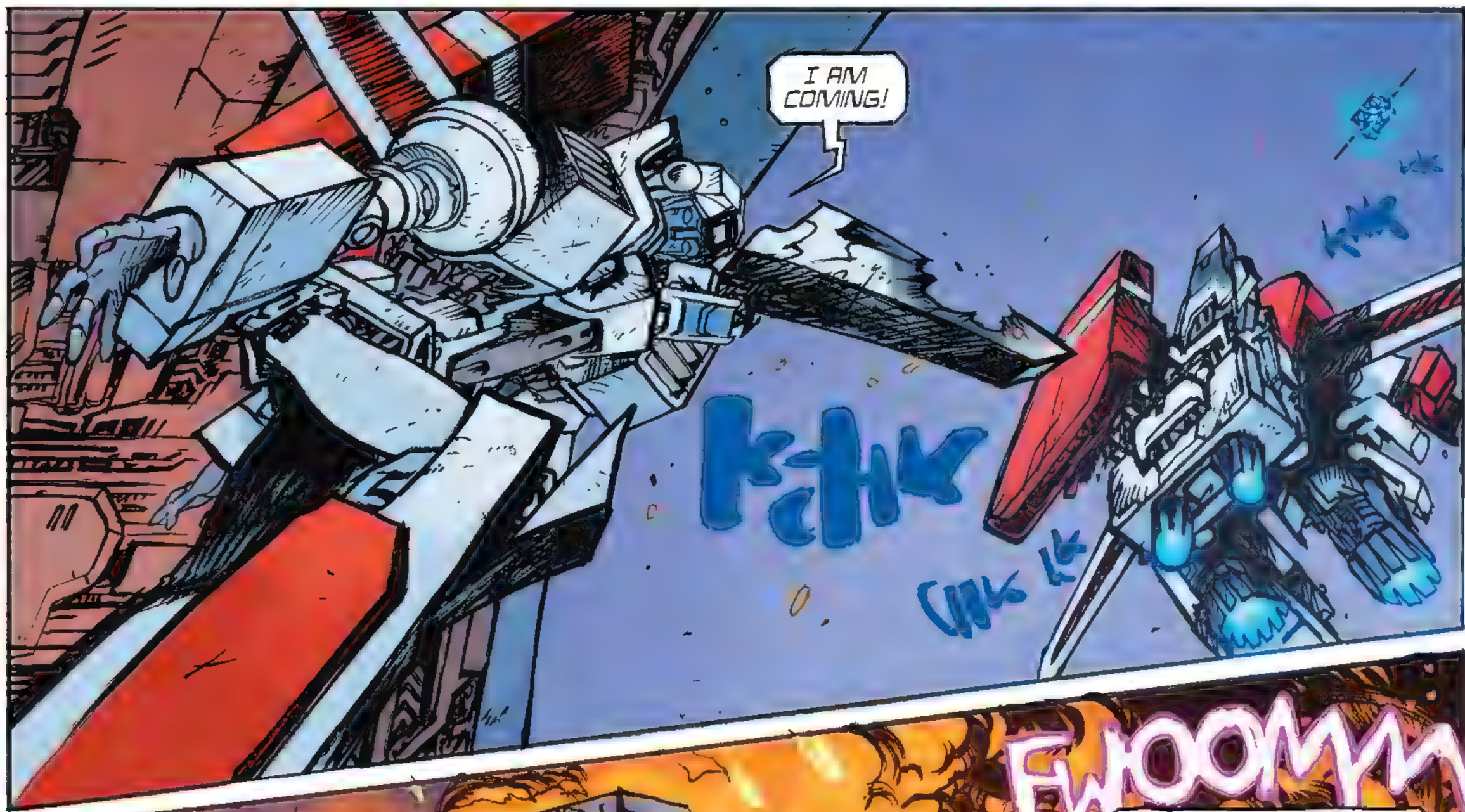
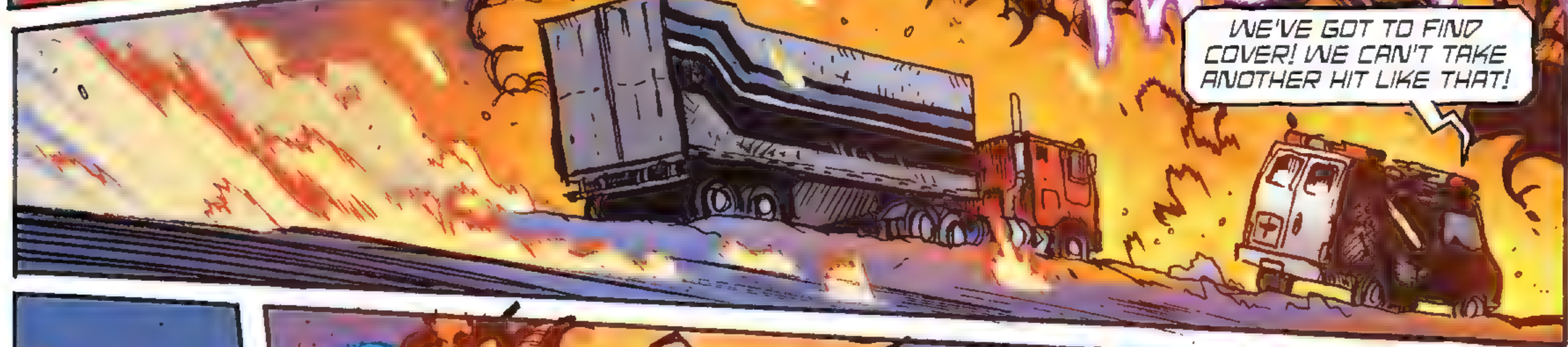
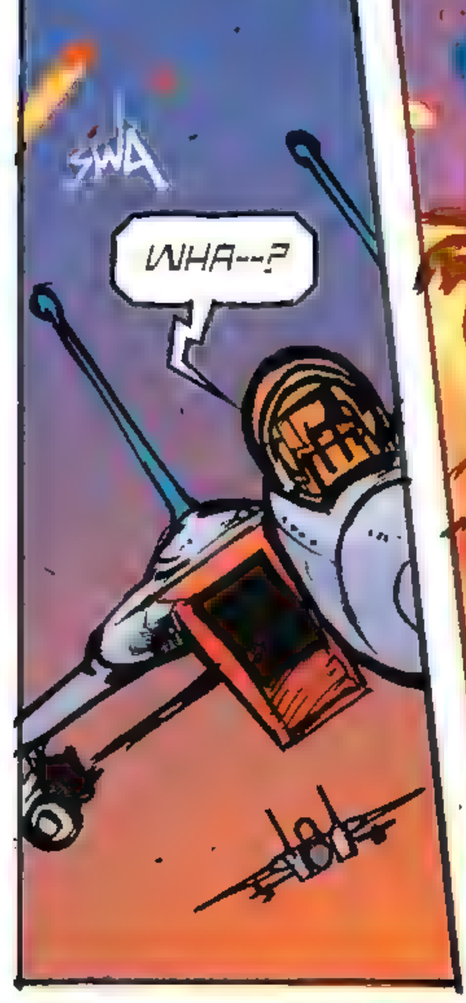
OPTIMUS...


I AM COMING!
KRAK

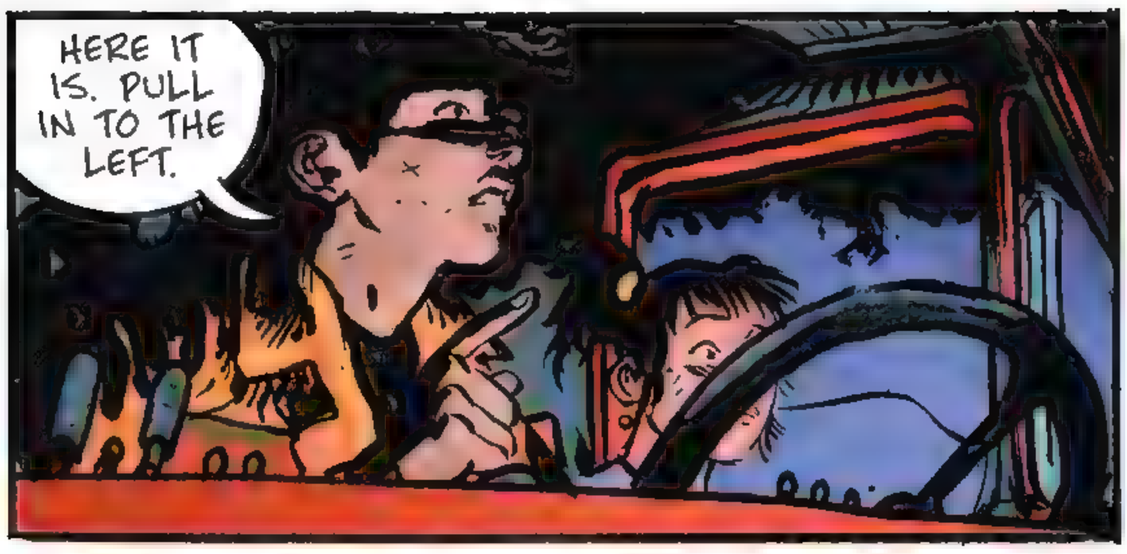

FWOOMM
WE'VE GOT TO FIND COVER! WE CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER HIT LIKE THAT!

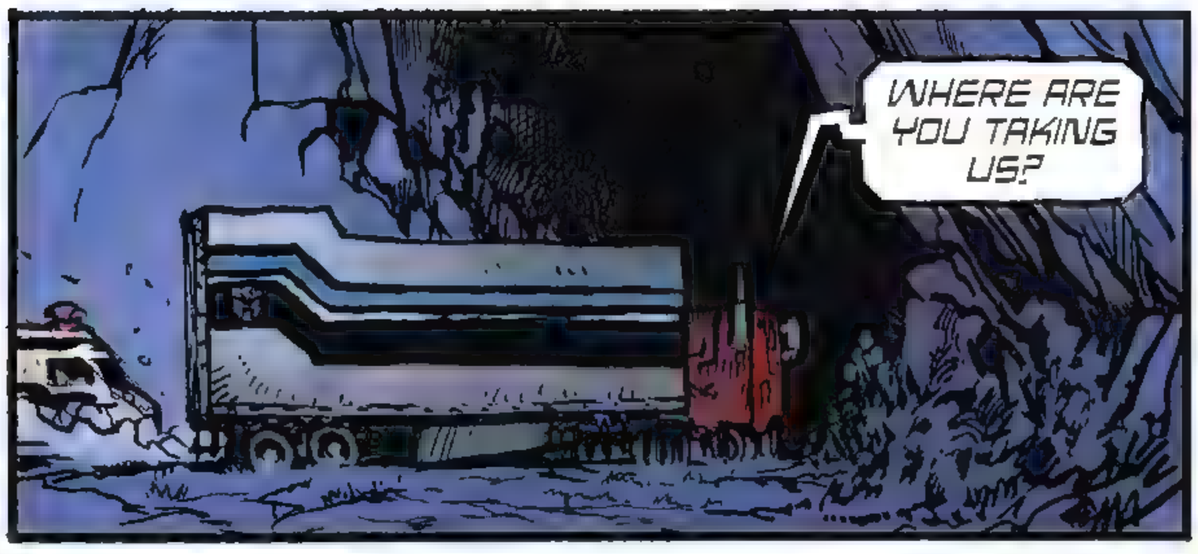

SWA
WHA--?

BOOM
OW!

PEEW
DAMN YOU FOR MAKING ME DO THIS, STARSCREAM!
PWEEW PEEW

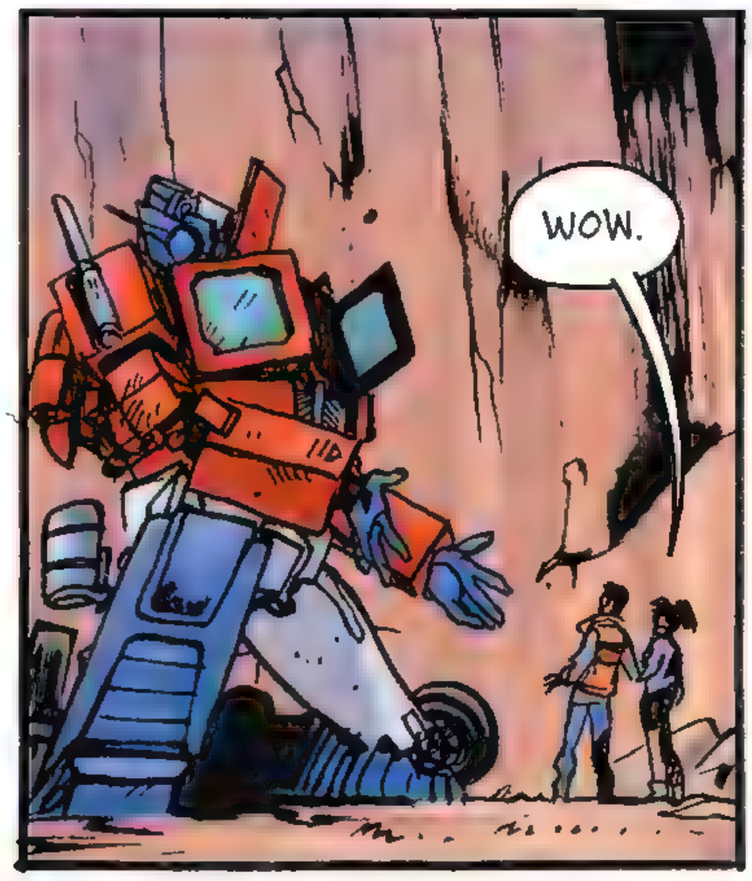
PON.
PONG
PONG
DIE, TRAITOR!
AGH!
SKYWARP, WHY DO YOU STOP THE HUNT?!
STARSCREAM... MY ENERGON...
WE'VE NEVER BEEN CLOSER TO WIPING THEM OUT FOR GOOD. PRESS ON!
I'M ABOUT TO RUN INTO THE GROUND...WE MUST TURN BACK!
GRAHHHHHHH. SLEEP WITH ONE EYE OPEN, OPTIMUS!
CHK CHAK
CHK
I AM COMING FOR YOU!

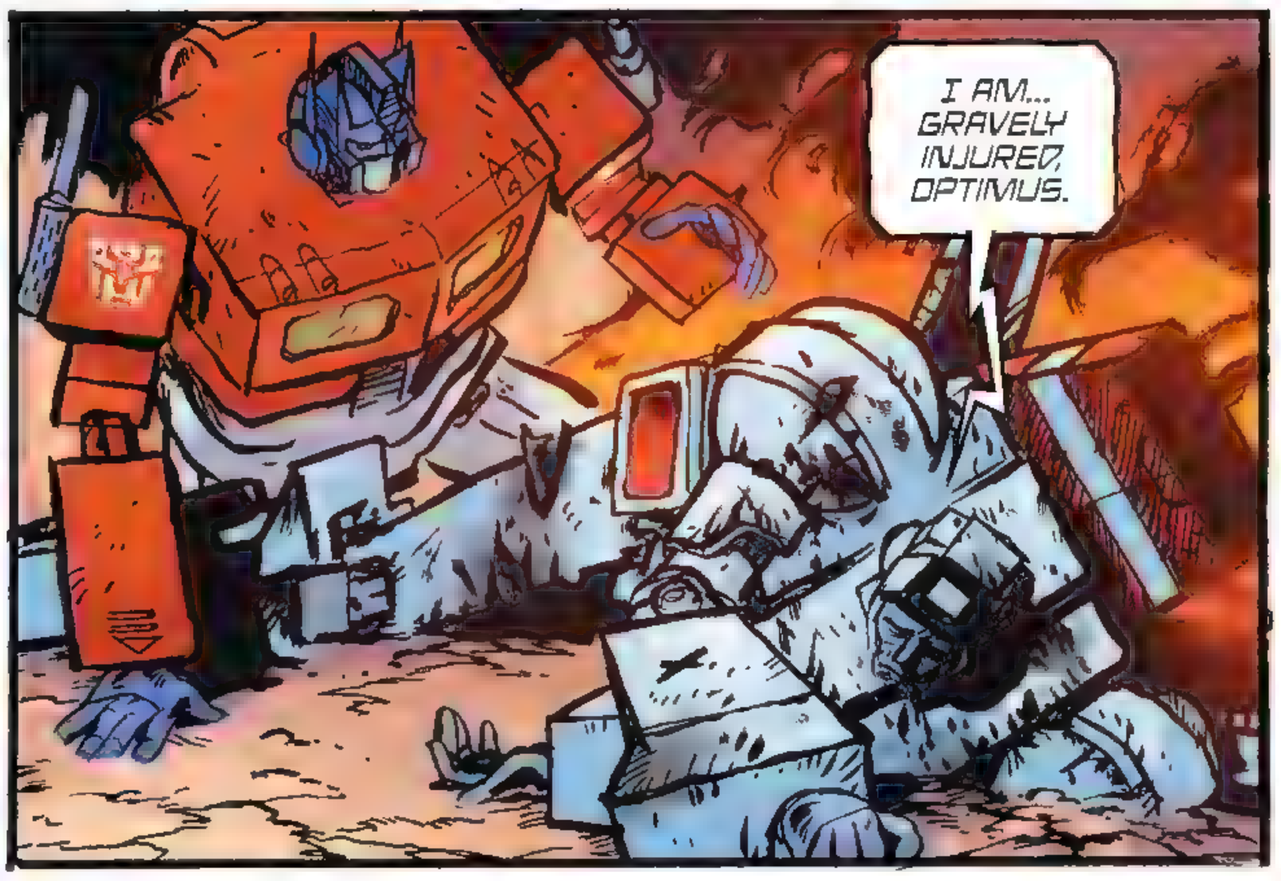




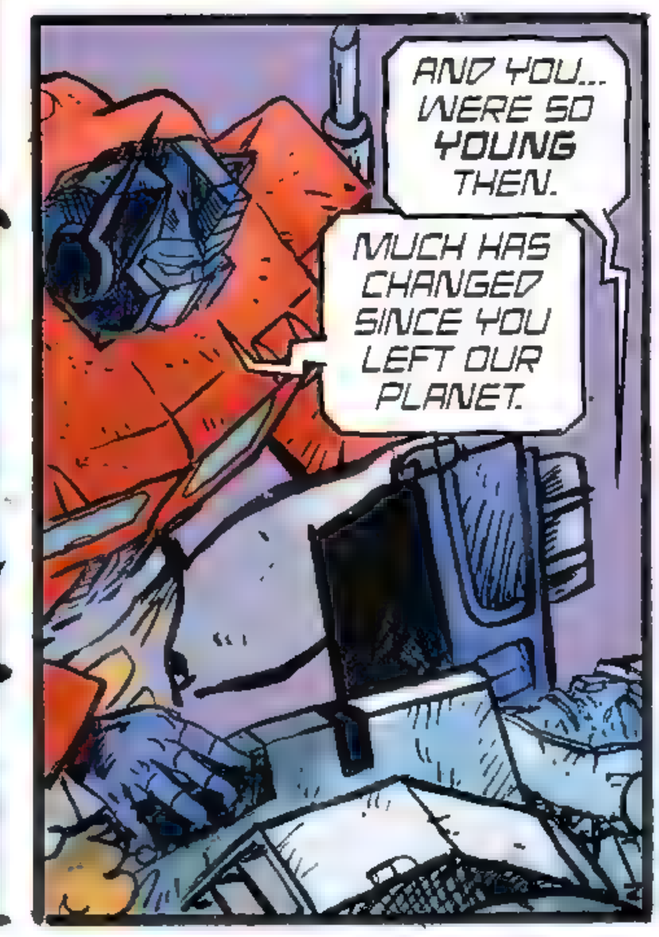
IS THIS THE OLD QUARRY?

JIMMY AND I USED TO SNEAK OUT HERE AND MESS WITH THE ABANDONED EQUIPMENT. IT MADE FOR A GREAT HIDING PLACE.

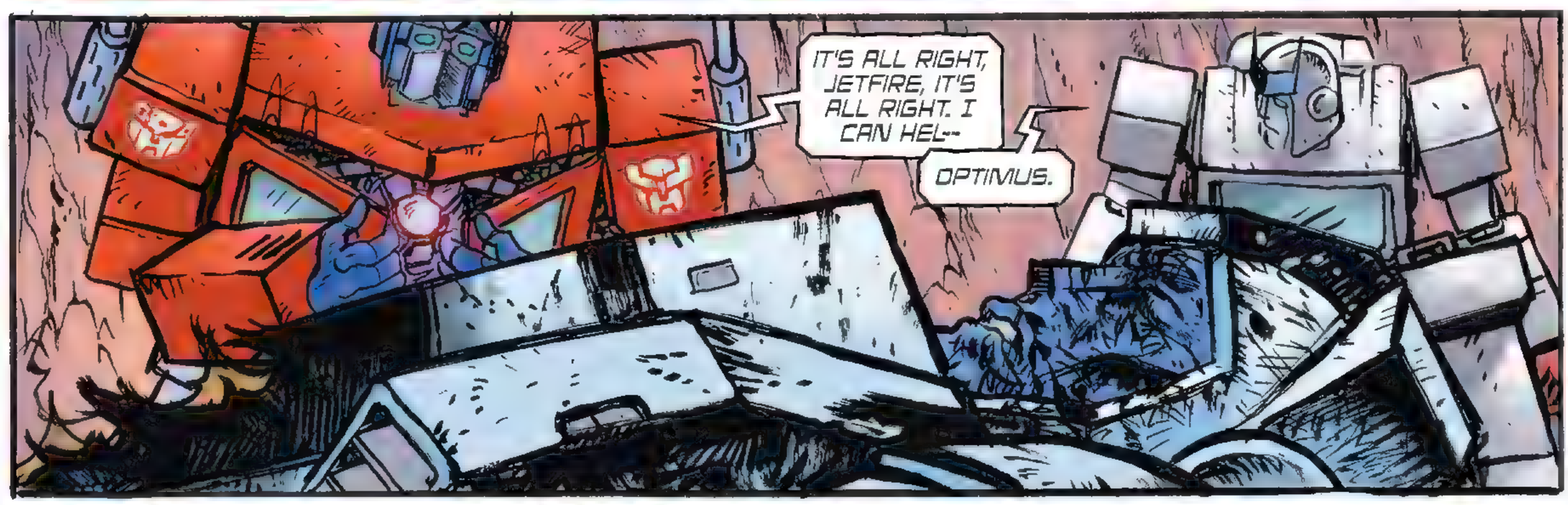


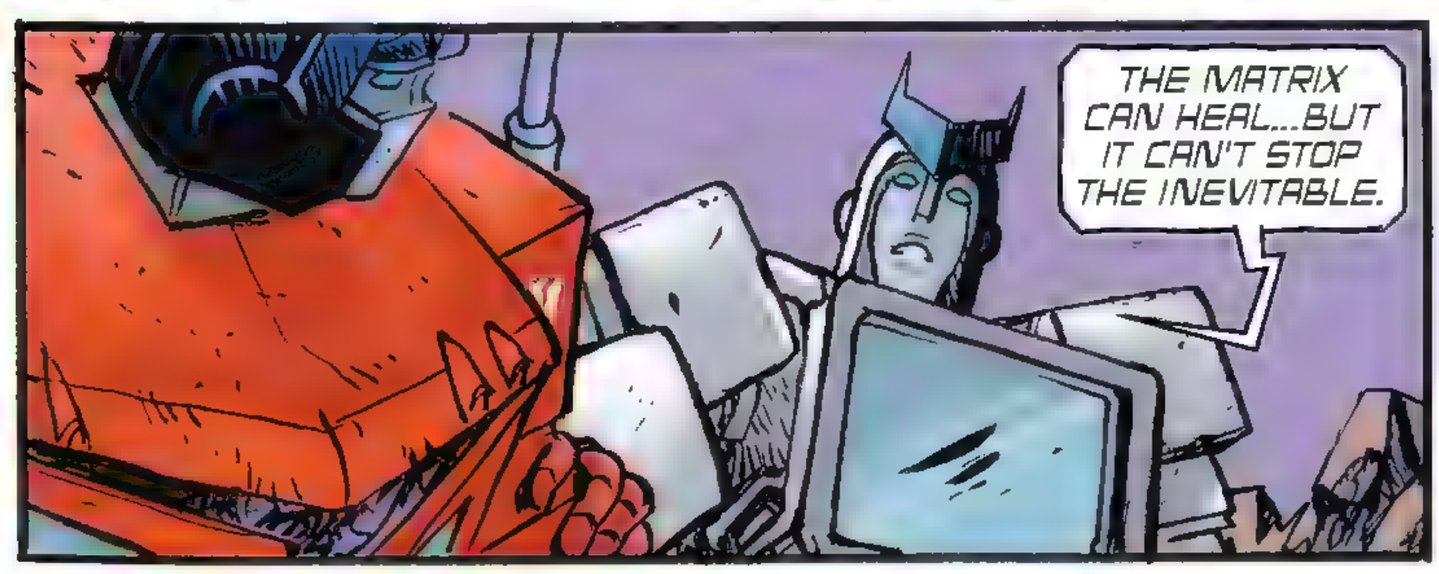


...YOU MUST FORGIVE ME. I HAVE BEEN AWAY FOR CENTURIES. I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS WAR. I DID NOT KNOW YOU WERE THE NEW PRIME...
I REMEMBER THE DAY YOU LEFT OUR HOME TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE IT.


AND YOU... WERE SO YOUNG THEN.
MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU LEFT OUR PLANET.

ALL FOR THE WORSE.
-GKKK--

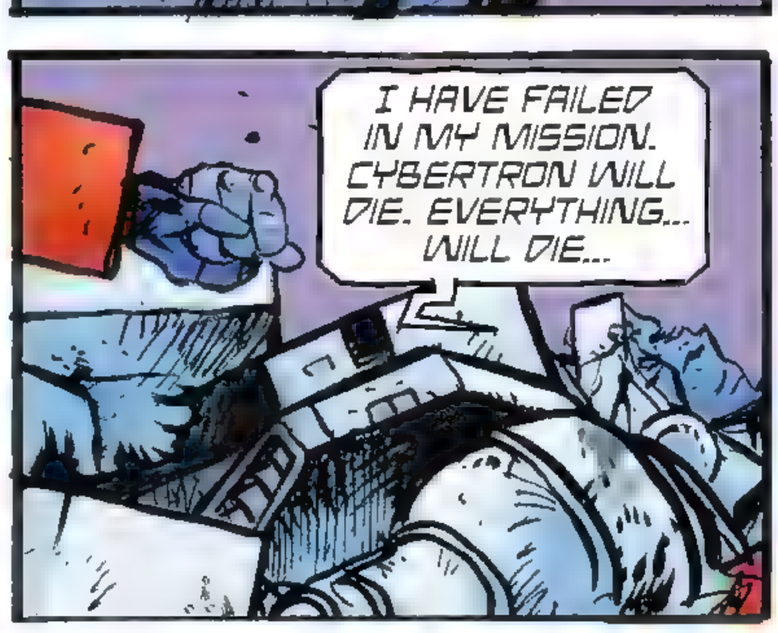

IT'S ALL RIGHT, JETFIRE, IT'S ALL RIGHT. I CAN HEL--
OPTIMUS.

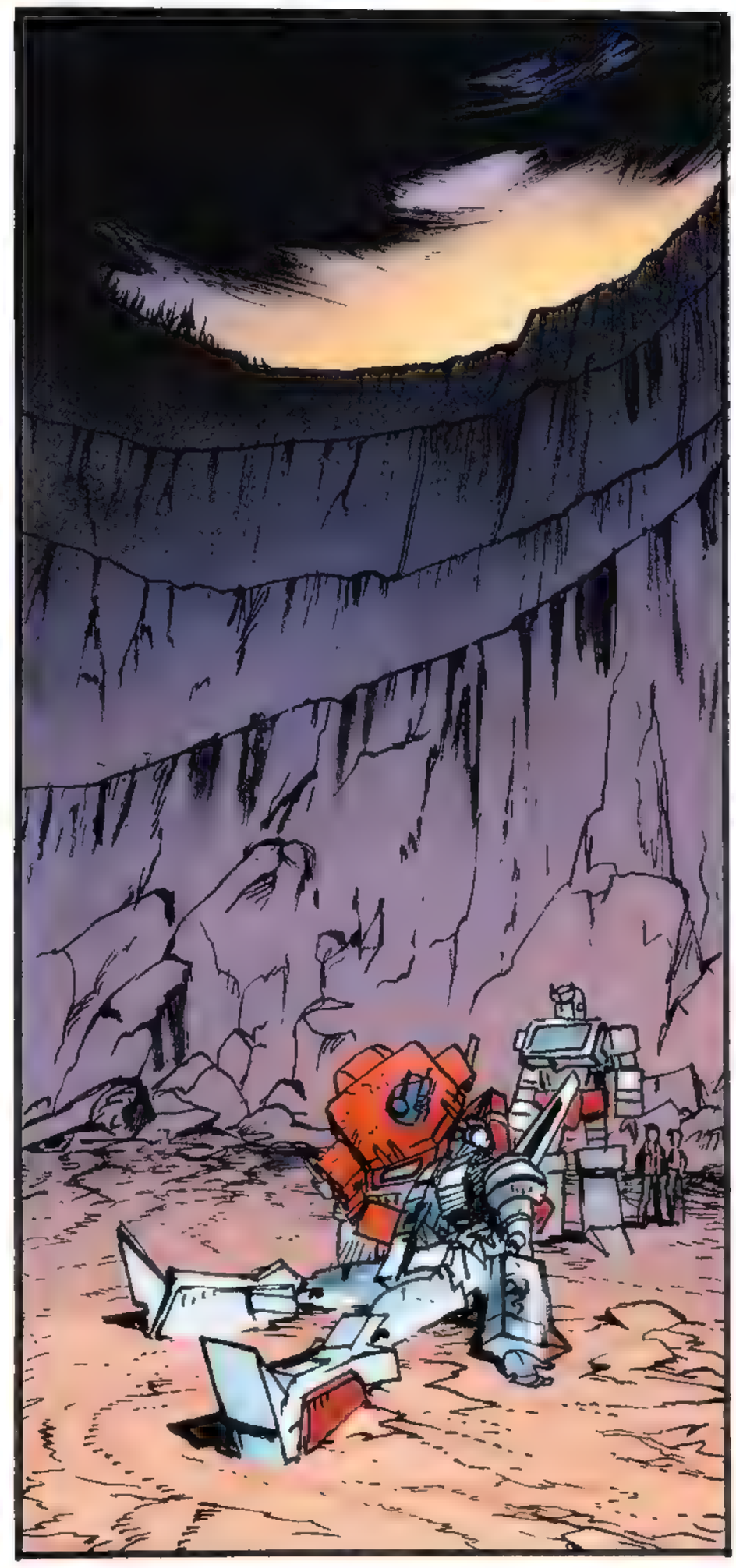

THE MATRIX CAN HEAL...BUT IT CAN'T STOP THE INEVITABLE.

PRIME... I SWEAR I DID NOT KNOW!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR, OLD FRIEND. YOU HAVE DONE WELL.
NO...I HAVE NOT. CENTURIES OF SEARCHING FOR HEALING FOR OUR HOME...AND NOTHING.

HAS ANYTHING CHANGED? IS THERE ANY HOPE, PRIME?

I... DO NOT KNOW.


I HAVE FAILED IN MY MISSION. CYBERTRON WILL DIE. EVERYTHING... WILL DIE...



WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT CAN'T FIX US!

TELETRAAN ONE IS DAMAGED BEYOND OUR CURRENT CAPABILITIES OF REPAIR. WE NEED ENERGON AND RAW MATERIALS TO BRING IT BACK TO 100% FUNCTIONALITY. WE ARE THE ONLY DECEPTICON WARRIORS FOR NOW.

WELL? HOW DO WE FIX IT?

I SENT LASERBEAK TO SCOUT FOR RESOURCES THAT WE CAN CONVERT INTO THE KIND OF FUEL WE NEED. HE HAS SENT ME COORDINATES OF POSSIBLE SOURCES OF ENERGON.

WHY ARE YOU ALL LOOKING AT ME?

YOU HAVE THE MOST ENERGON RESERVES.

THUS THE HARVESTING IS UP TO YOU.

IT'S WHAT MEG--

DO NOT SAY HIS NAME.

I AM THE LEADER OF THE DECEPTICONS NOW.

"I WILL DO THIS FOR YOU, MY LOYAL SOLDIERS!"

QUITTIN' TIME. FINALLY.

HEY... SPARKY.

I JUST WANTED TO... AH, HOW DO I SAY THIS?

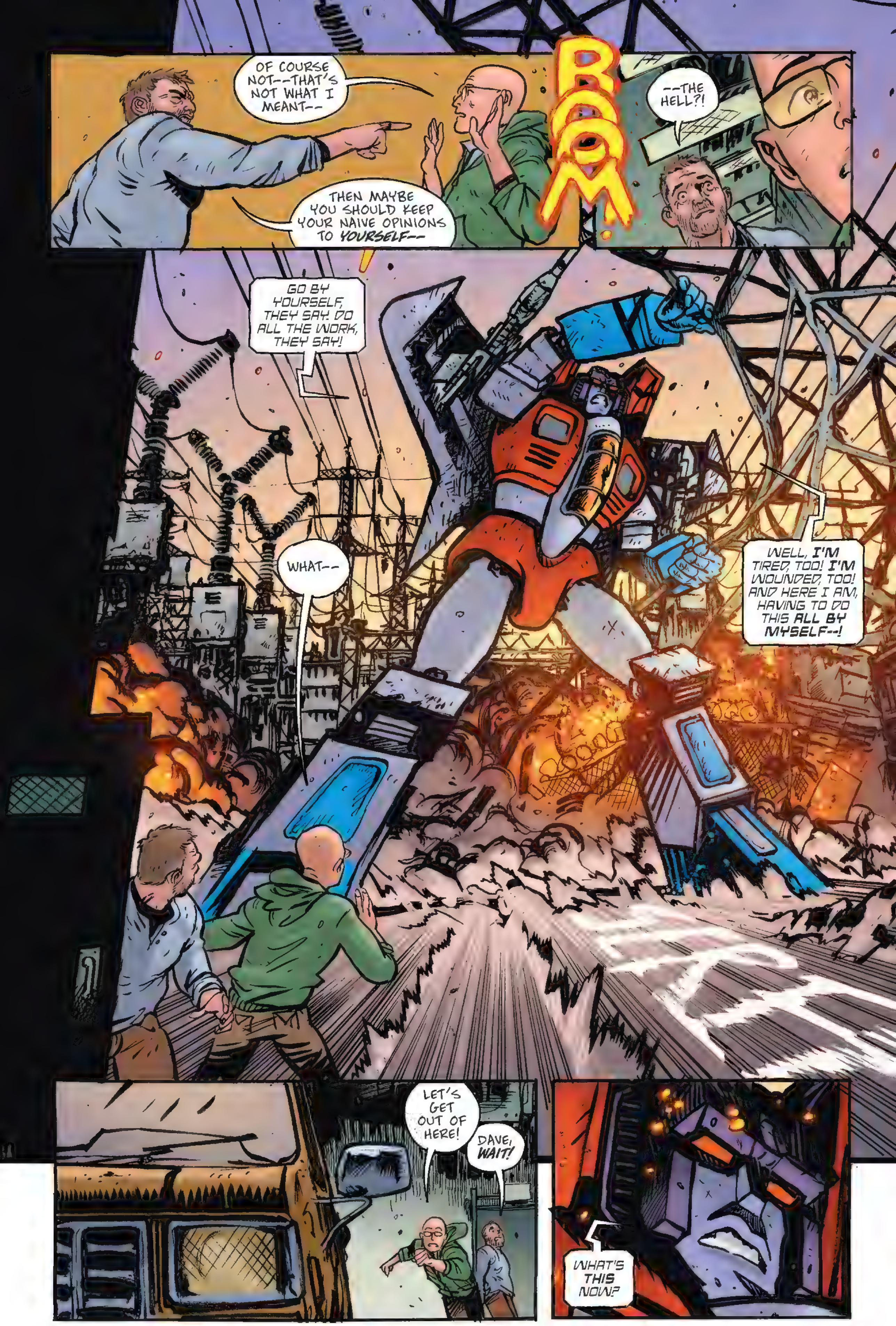
YOU KNOW I CARE ABOUT YOU, RIGHT?

AH... SHUT THE HELL UP, DAVEY.

THAT'S WHY I GOTTA BE HONEST WITH YOU.

SPIKE NEEDS YOU. YOUR SUPPORT. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A ROUGH GO, BUT--

DAVE, WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?! HAVE YOU GONE THROUGH WHAT I WENT THROUGH?


OF COURSE NOT--THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT--
THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR NAIVE OPINIONS TO YOURSELF--
BOOM
--THE HELL?!
GO BY YOURSELF, THEY SAY. DO ALL THE WORK, THEY SAY!
WHAT--
WELL, I'M TIRED, TOO! I'M WOUNDED, TOO! AND HERE I AM, HAVING TO DO THIS ALL BY MYSELF--!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
DAVE, WAIT!
WHAT'S THIS NOW?

ARE YOU THE CREATURES THAT **LIVE** IN THIS PLACE?

NO!

NO!

GKK-- STOP-- GKKKK

SIP

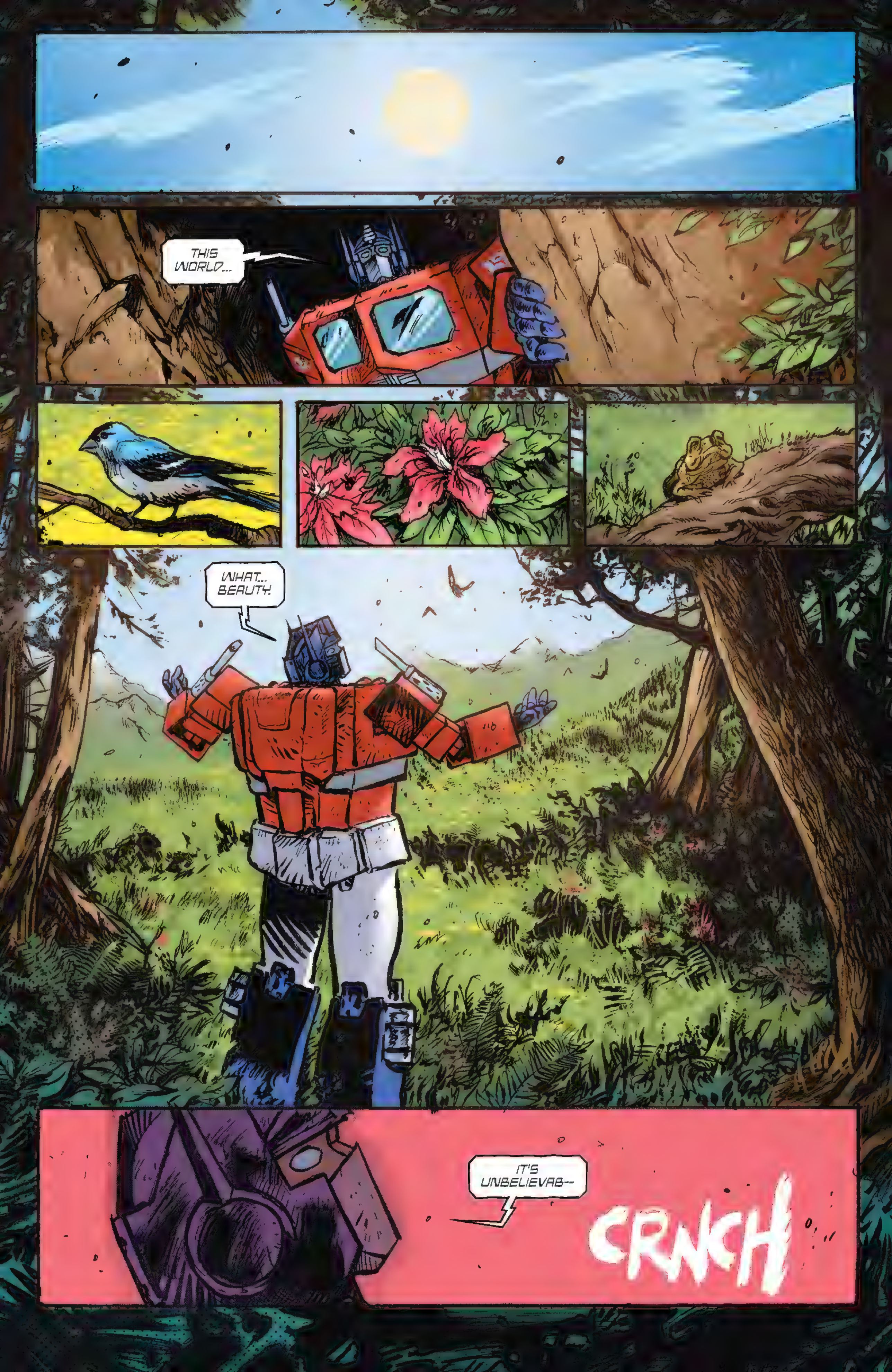
SO SQUISHY.

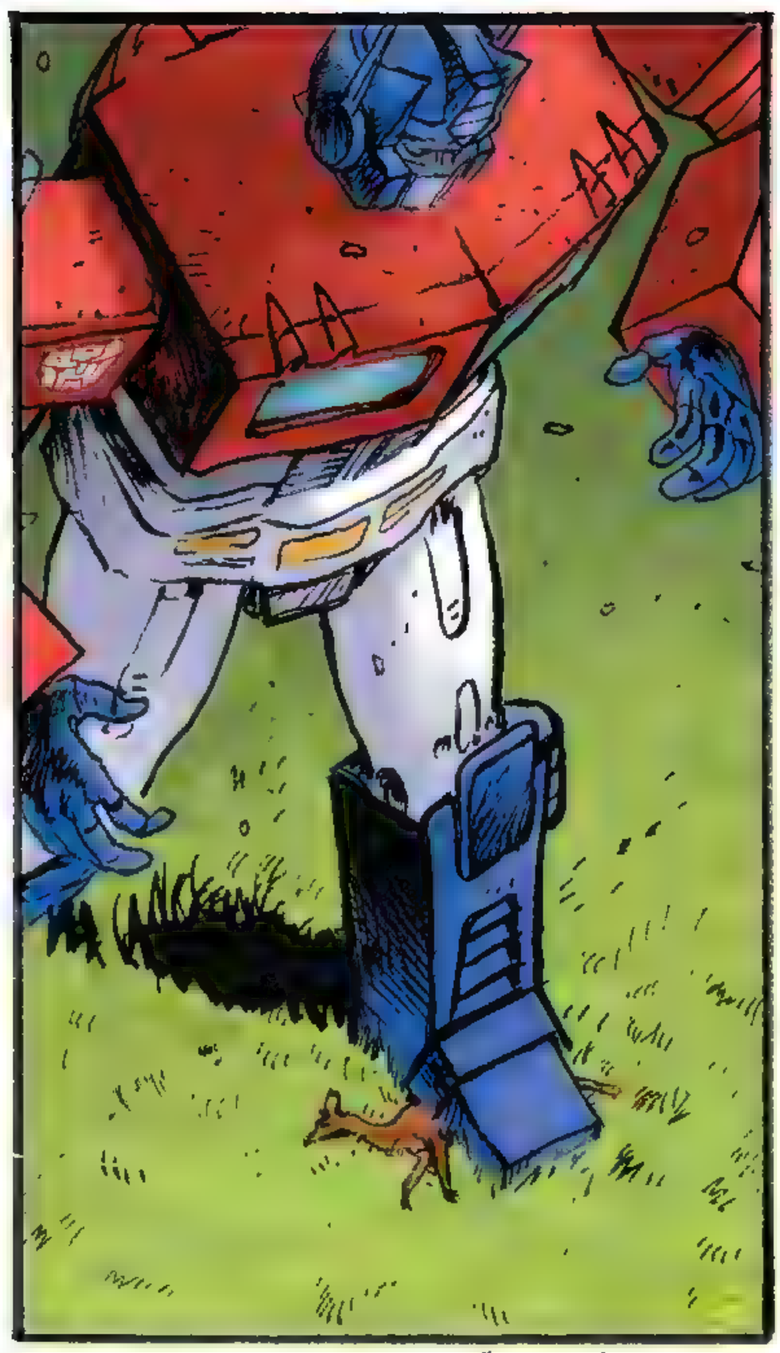
KA-K

SO FRAGILE.

SO PATHETIC.

SQUISH


THIS WORLD...
WHAT... BEAUTY!
IT'S UNBELIEVAB--
CRNCH



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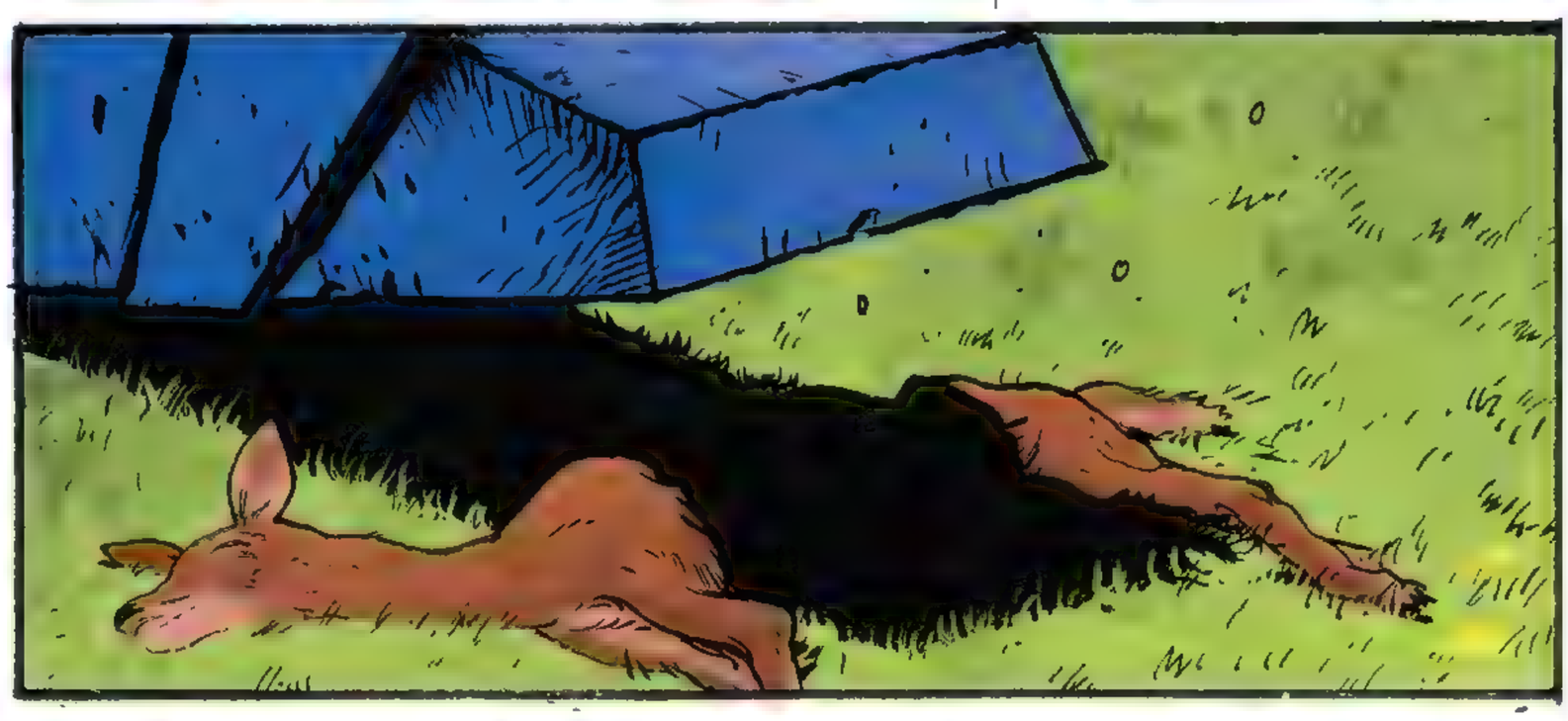

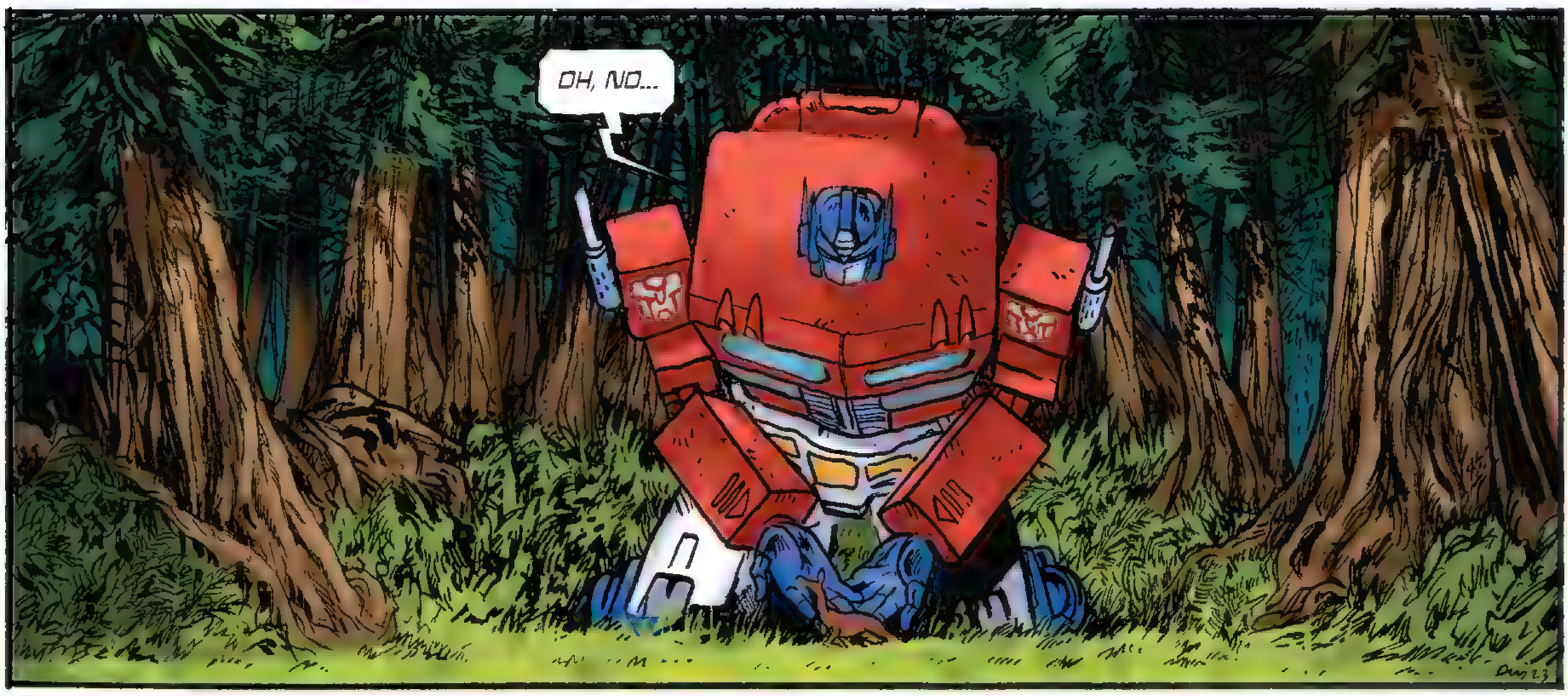
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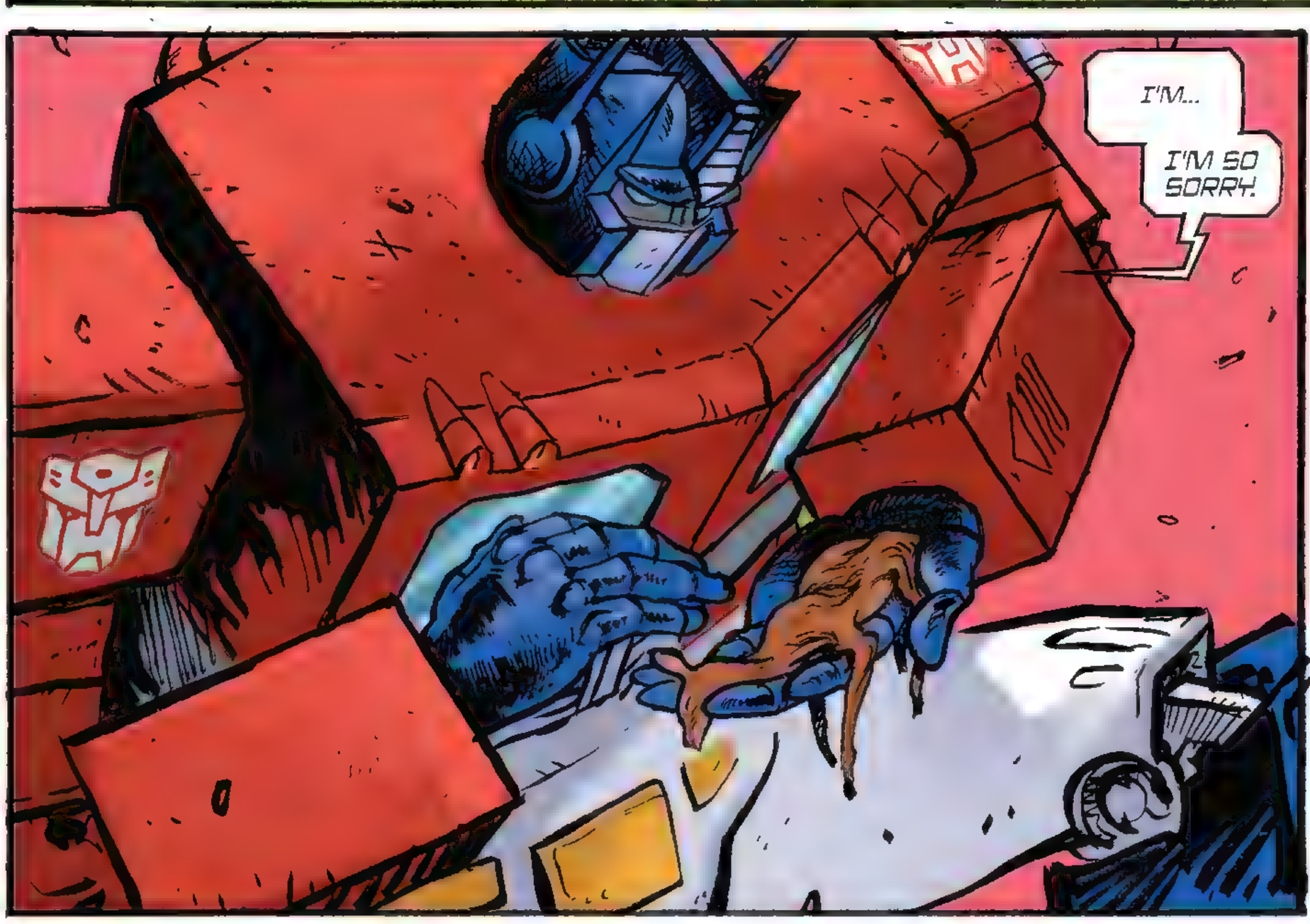
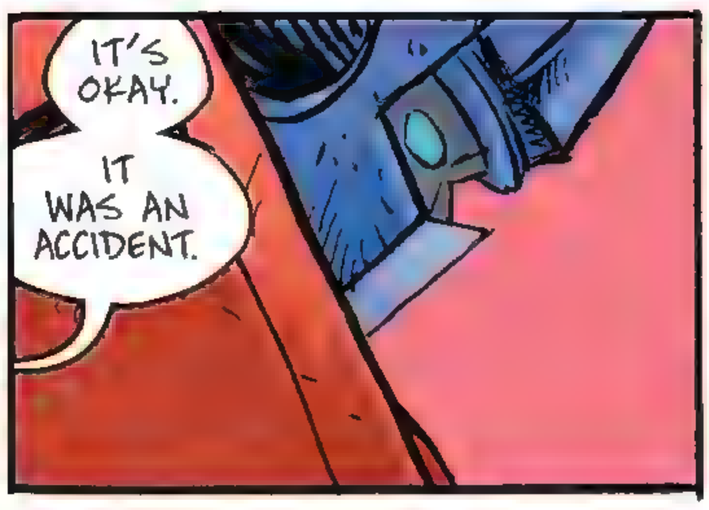
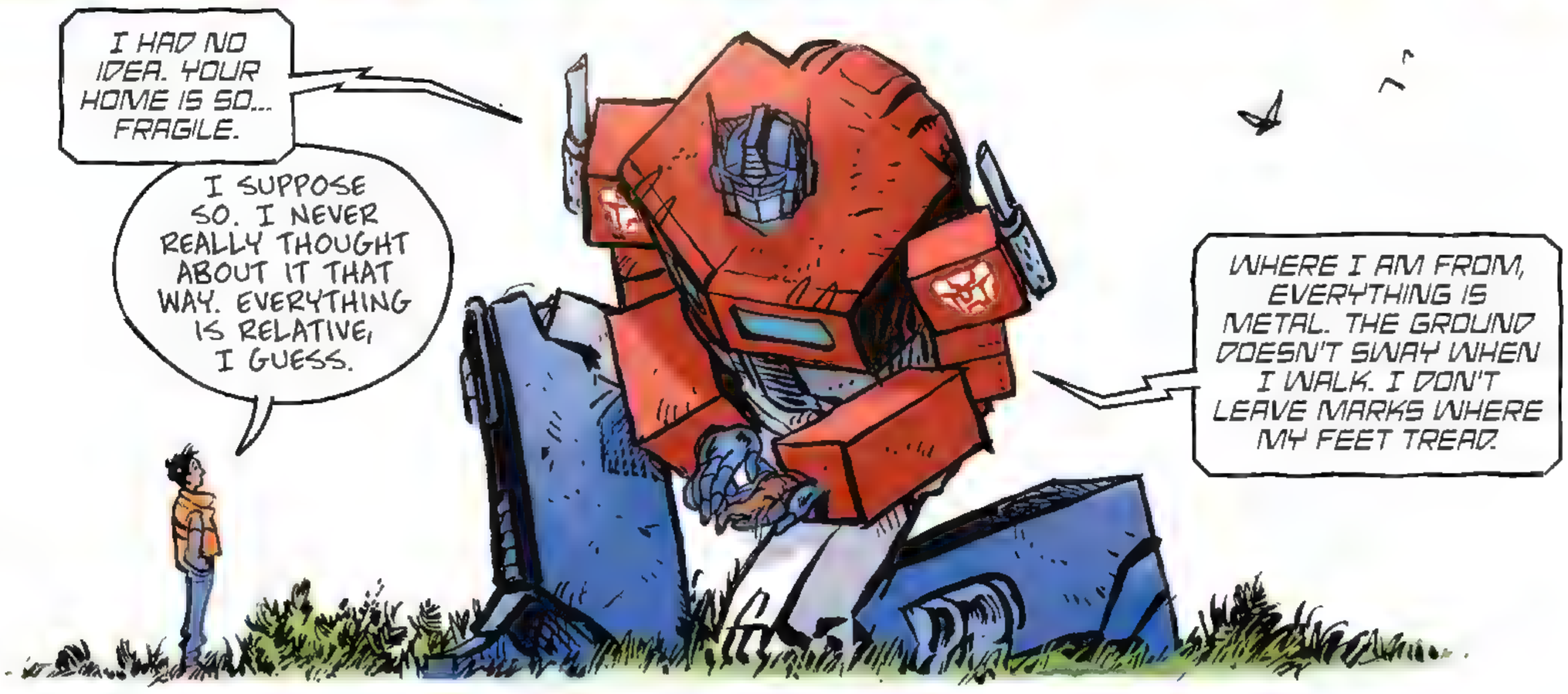
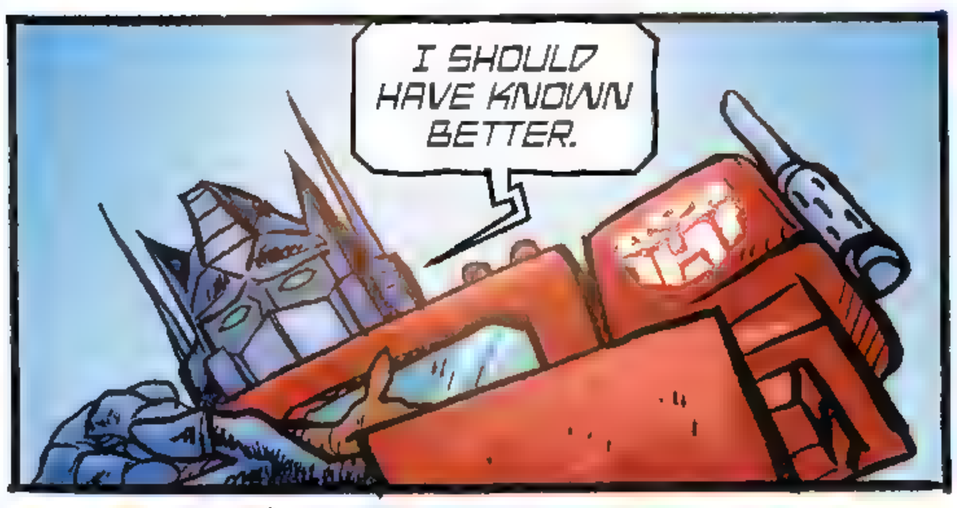
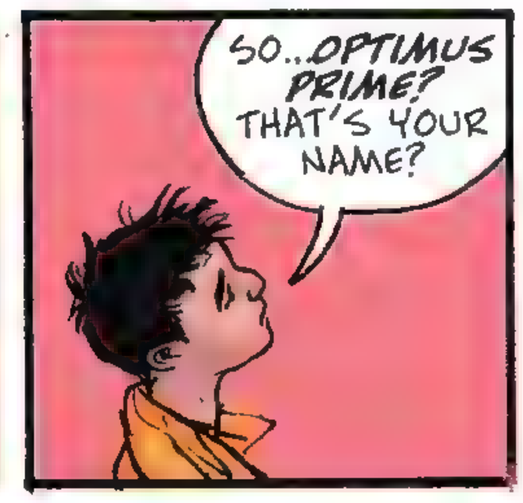

I'M...
I'M SO SORRY.

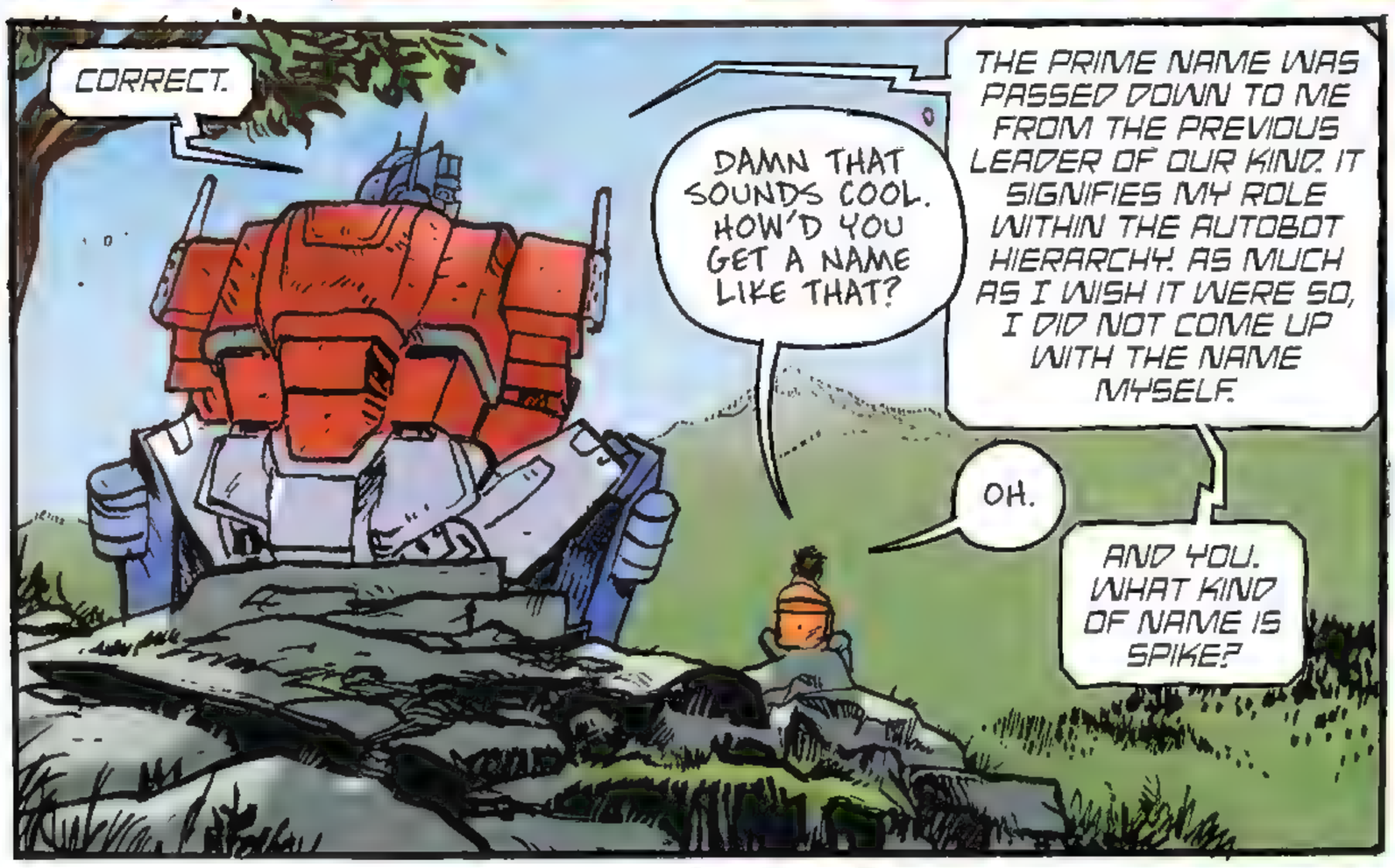

IT'S OKAY.
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

I SAW THE WHOLE THING.
NO... THIS...

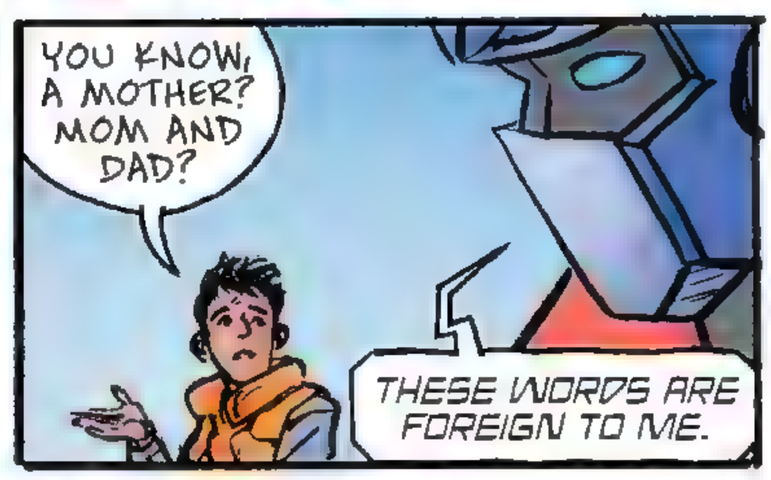

I HAD NO IDEA. YOUR HOME IS SO... FRAGILE.
I SUPPOSE SO. I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT THAT WAY. EVERYTHING IS RELATIVE, I GUESS.
WHERE I AM FROM, EVERYTHING IS METAL. THE GROUND DOESN'T SWAY WHEN I WALK. I DON'T LEAVE MARKS WHERE MY FEET TREAD.

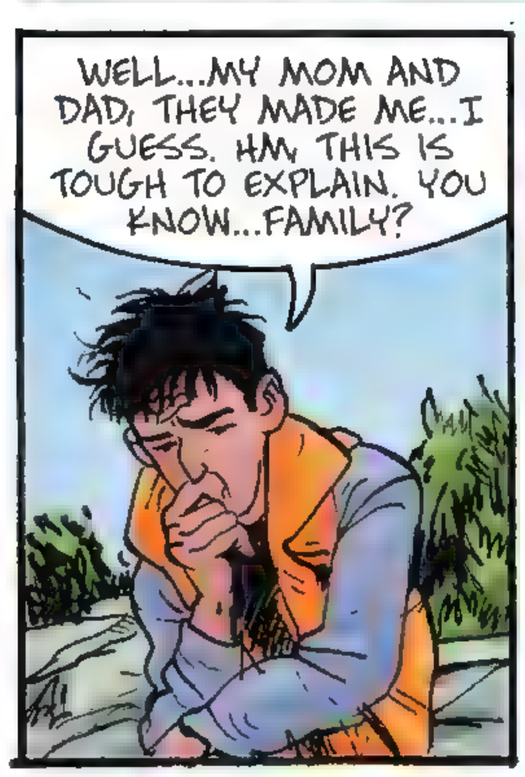

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER.

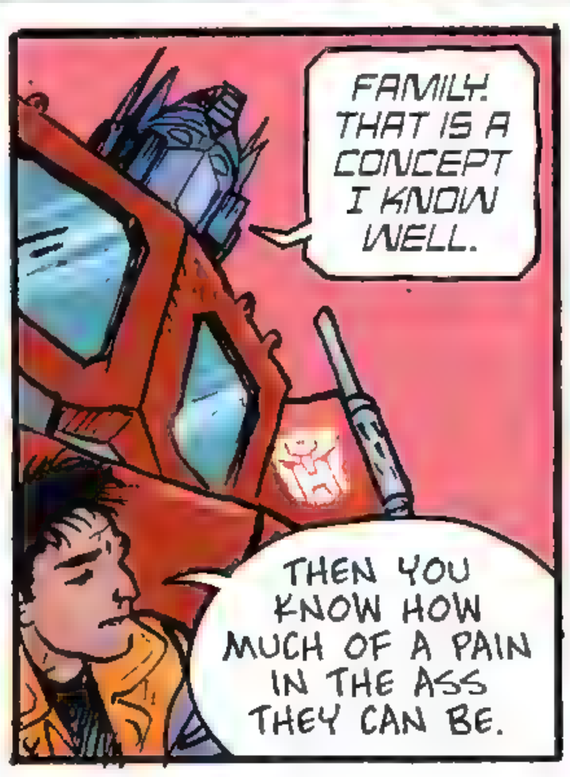

SO...OPTIMUS PRIME? THAT'S YOUR NAME?

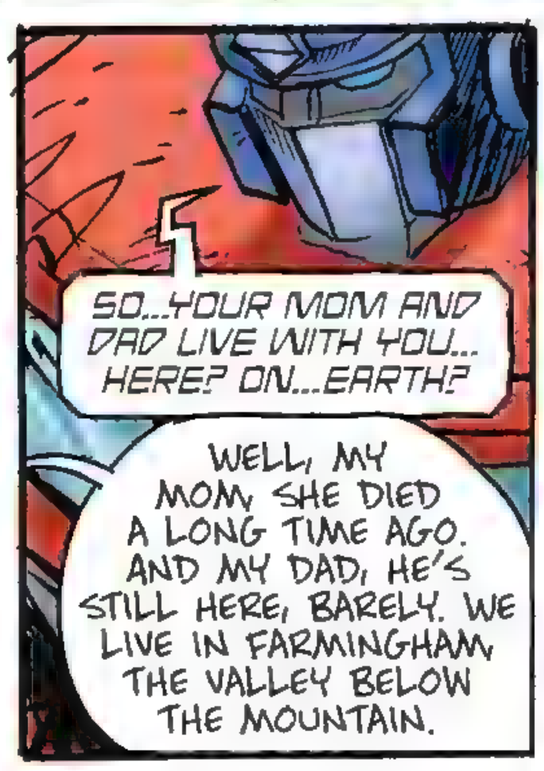

CORRECT.
DAMN THAT SOUNDS COOL. HOW'D YOU GET A NAME LIKE THAT?
THE PRIME NAME WAS PASSED DOWN TO ME FROM THE PREVIOUS LEADER OF OUR KIND. IT SIGNIFIES MY ROLE WITHIN THE AUTOBOT HIERARCHY. AS MUCH AS I WISH IT WERE SO, I DID NOT COME UP WITH THE NAME MYSELF.
OH.
AND YOU. WHAT KIND OF NAME IS SPIKE?

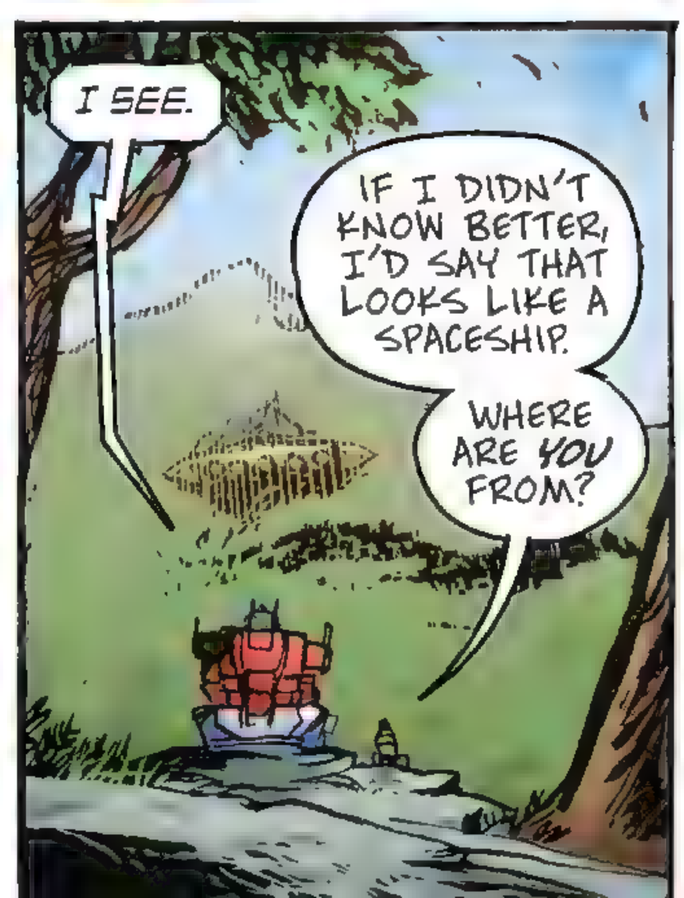
AH...WHEN I WAS LITTLE, MY HAIR WOULD ALWAYS STICK UP, LIKE THIS. MY MOM CALLED ME "SPIKEY". I GUESS IT STUCK.
WHAT IS MOM?


YOU KNOW, A MOTHER? MOM AND DAD?
THESE WORDS ARE FOREIGN TO ME.


WELL...MY MOM AND DAD, THEY MADE ME...I GUESS. HM, THIS IS TOUGH TO EXPLAIN. YOU KNOW...FAMILY?


FAMILY. THAT IS A CONCEPT I KNOW WELL.
THEN YOU KNOW HOW MUCH OF A PAIN IN THE ASS THEY CAN BE.


SO...YOUR MOM AND DAD LIVE WITH YOU... HERE? ON...EARTH?
WELL, MY MOM, SHE DIED A LONG TIME AGO. AND MY DAD, HE'S STILL HERE, BARELY. WE LIVE IN FARMINGHAM, THE VALLEY BELOW THE MOUNTAIN.


I SEE.
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY THAT LOOKS LIKE A SPACESHIP.
WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I AM FROM A PLACE CALLED **CYBERTRON.** IT IS BEAUTIFUL IN ITS OWN HARSH WAY. FOR A MILLENIA, BEFORE MY SPARK CAME INTO BEING, THERE WAS PEACE.

I HEARD STORIES OF IT ALL THROUGHOUT MY YOUNG YEARS, BUT ONLY KNEW A SHORT TIME OF PROSPERITY THERE. BEFORE **THE WAR.**

WAR?

"OUR SPECIES WAS CONSUMED BY GREED AND POWER. MAYBE IT WAS ALWAYS THERE, HIDING, SINCE THE BIRTH OF CYBERTRON.

"BUT TO ME, IT SEEMED TO RAISE ITS UGLY HEAD FROM NOWHERE, LED BY AN EXTREMIST FACTION ON OUR PLANET--THE DECEPTICONS."

THE RED AND GREY ONE.

THE PLANE.

STARSCREAM IS ONE OF THE MANY WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR CENTURIES.

"AMONG OTHERS.

"FOR TWO CENTURIES, MY KIND, THE AUTOBOTS, HAD BEEN FIGHTING FOR THE OLD WAYS OF PEACE, BUT OUR CASUALTIES WERE ASTRONOMICAL.

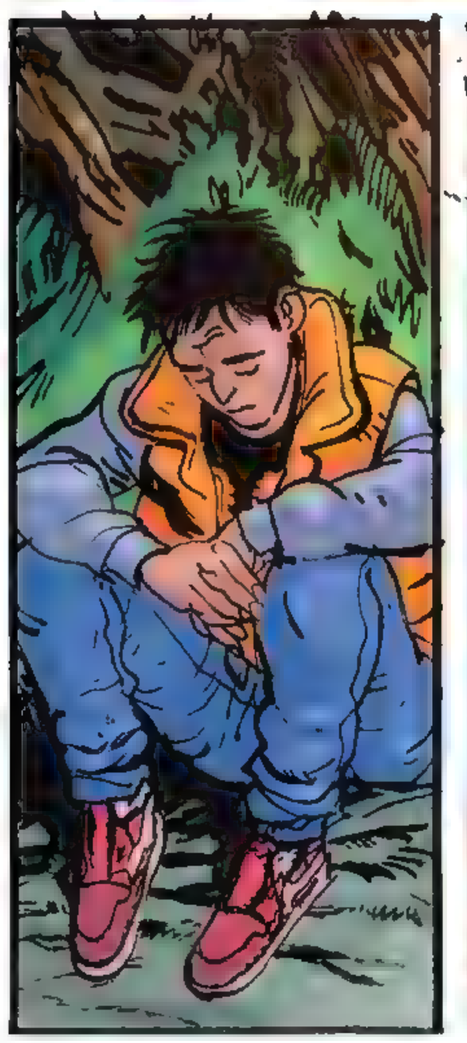
"OUR NUMBERS HAD DWINDLED SO BADLY THAT WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ABANDON OUR HOME TO OUR OPPRESSORS, TO SCOUR THE GALAXY AND FIND A NEW WAY TO RETAKE OUR HOME. WE LEFT IN THE SHIP YOU FOUND US ON, THE ARK.

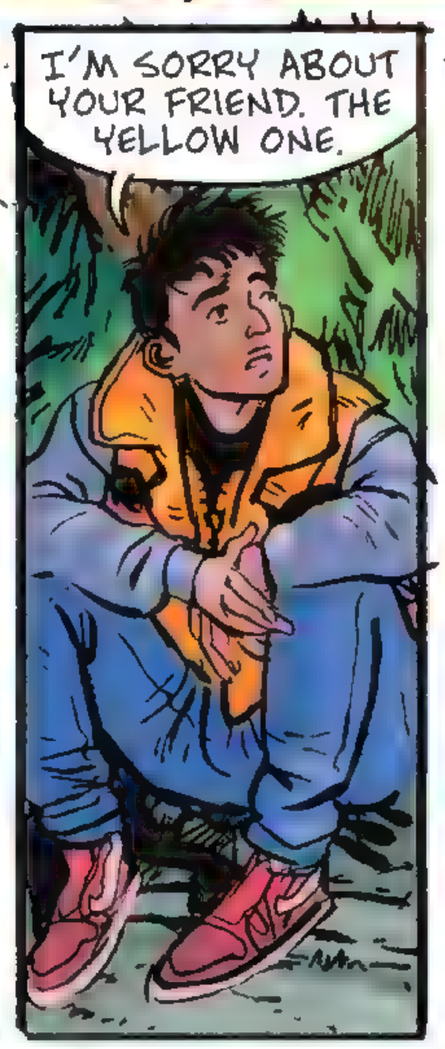
"IT WAS DURING OUR ESCAPE THAT THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE DECEPTICONS CAME TO EXTINGUISH THE SPARK OF MY KIND FOREVER. DURING THE FIGHT, WE LOST CONTROL OF OUR SHIP.

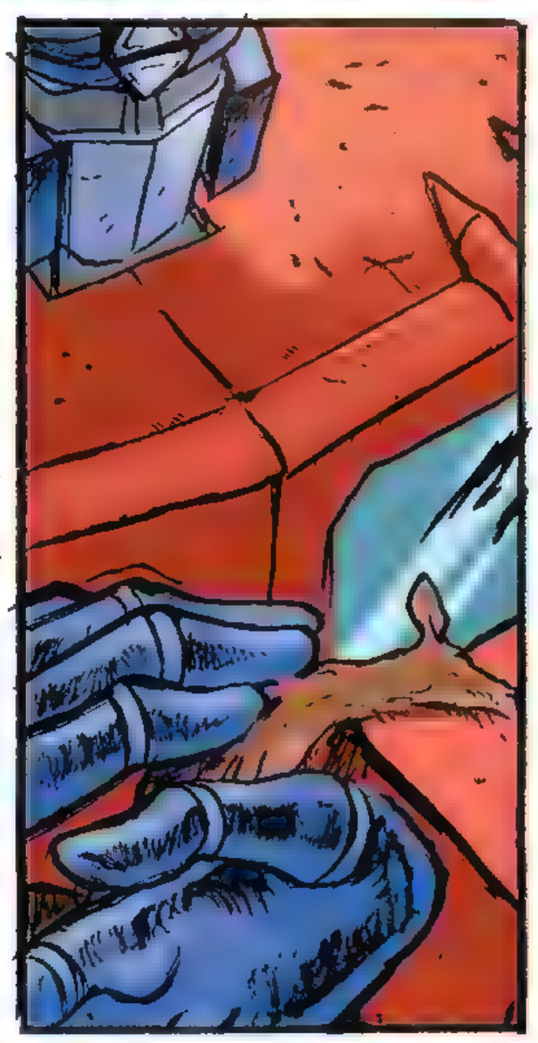
"THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS SEEING YOUR PLANET, RIGHT BEFORE ENTERING ITS ATMOSPHERE."

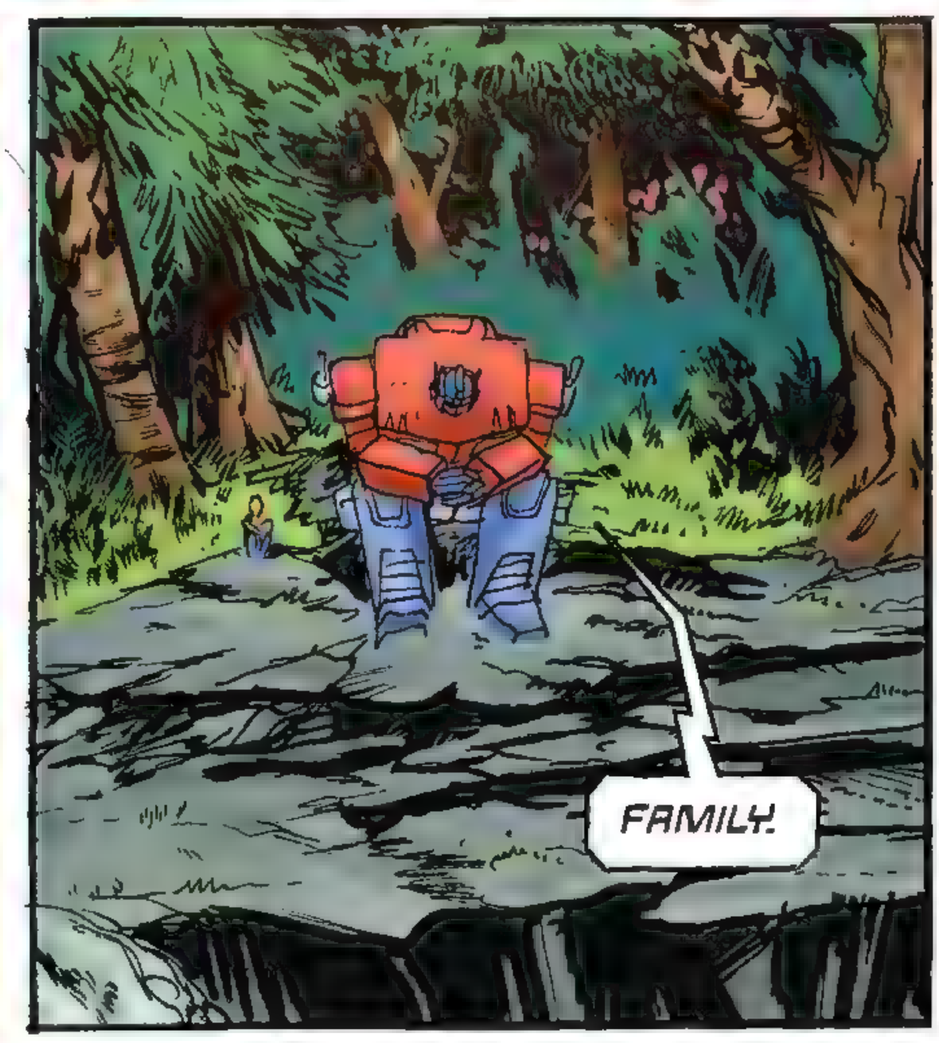
AND YOU CRASHED INTO THE MOUNTAIN. WHERE WE FOUND YOU.

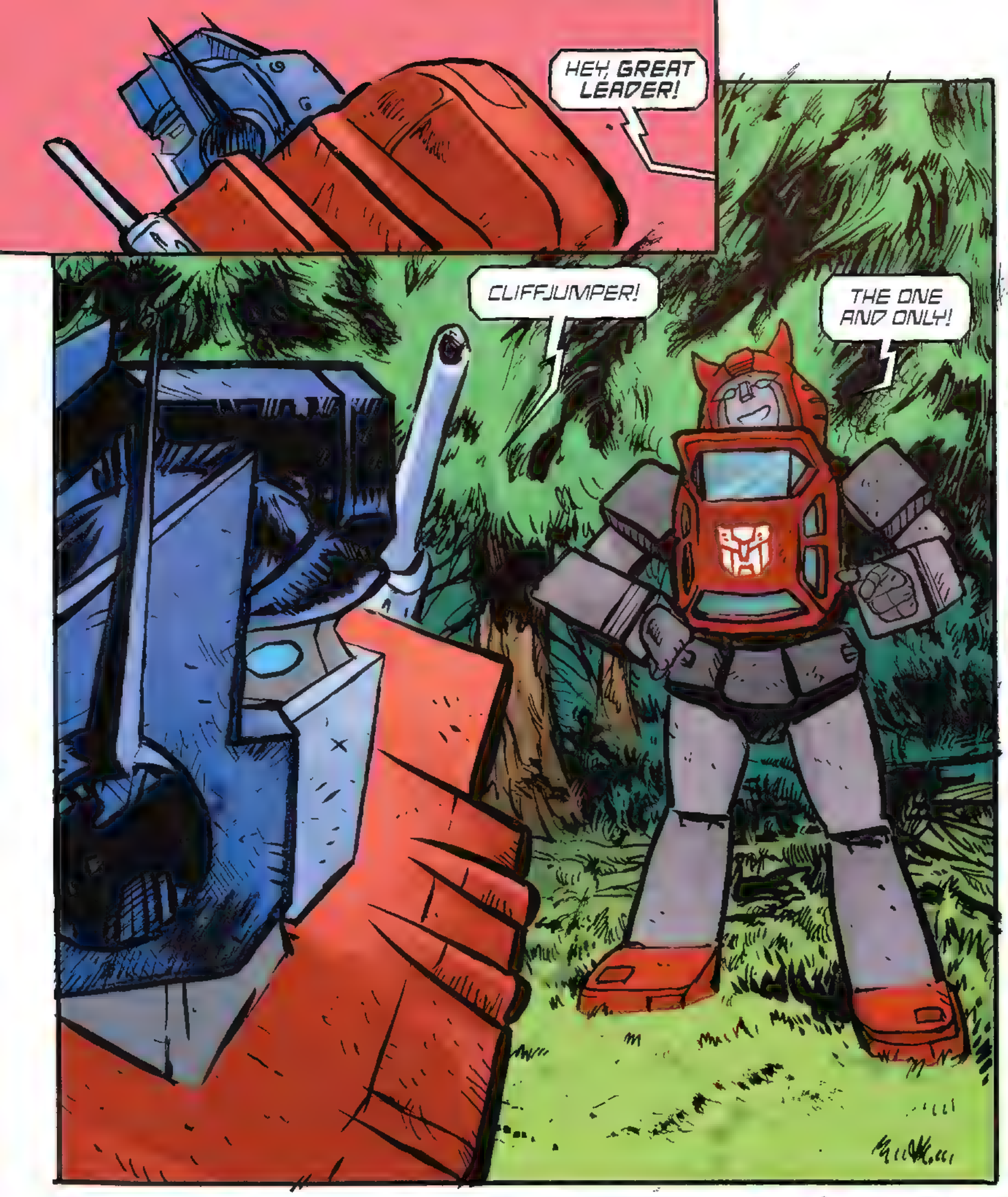
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE, SPIKE. WITHOUT YOU, I'M NOT SURE WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE.

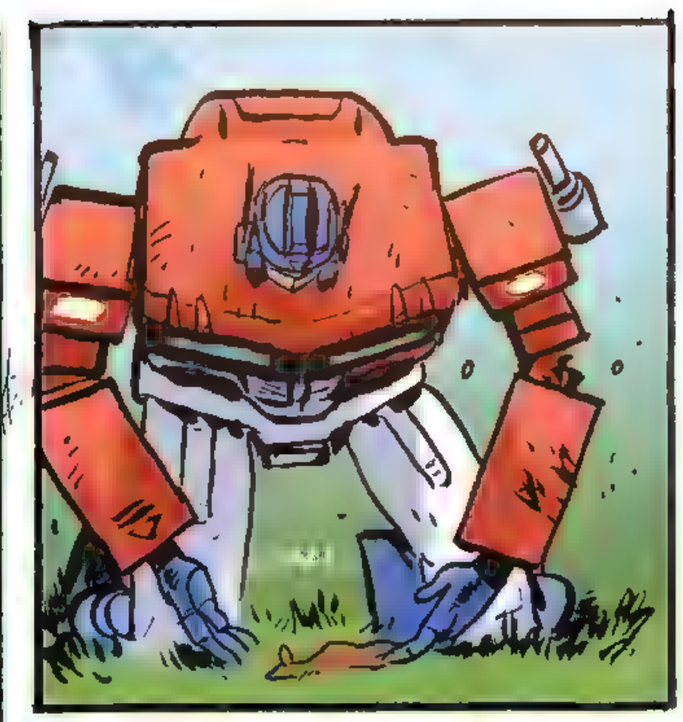


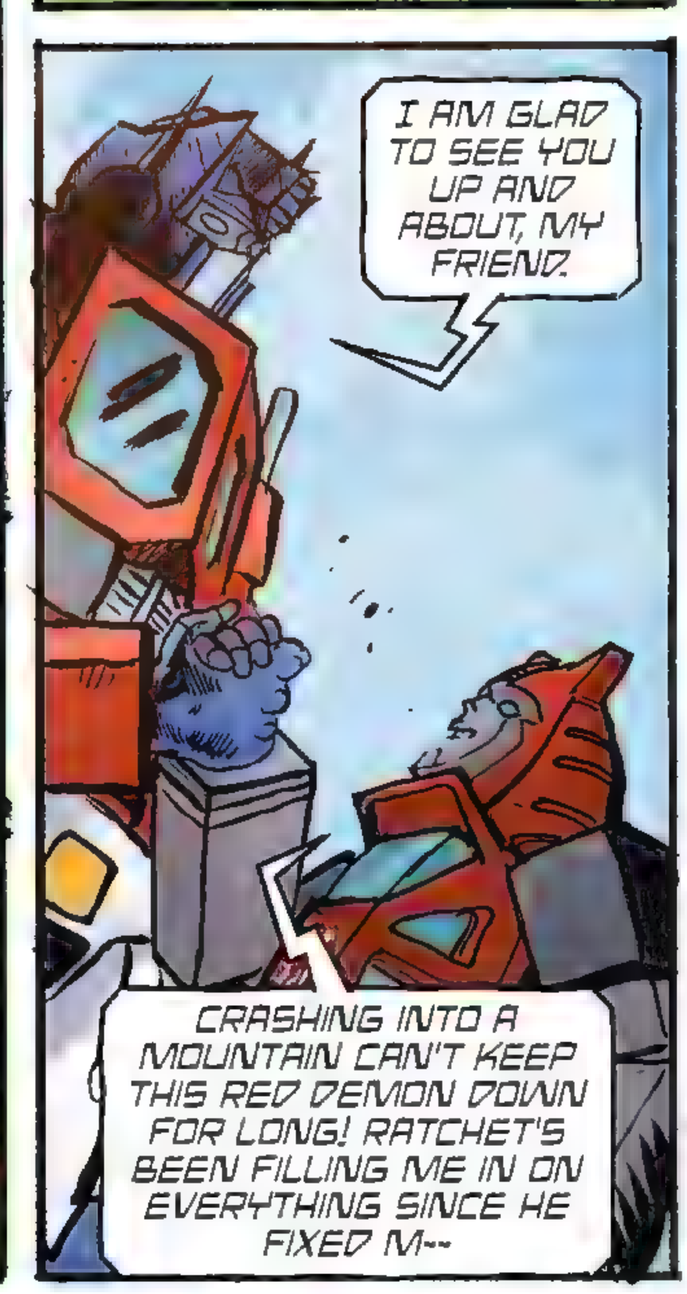


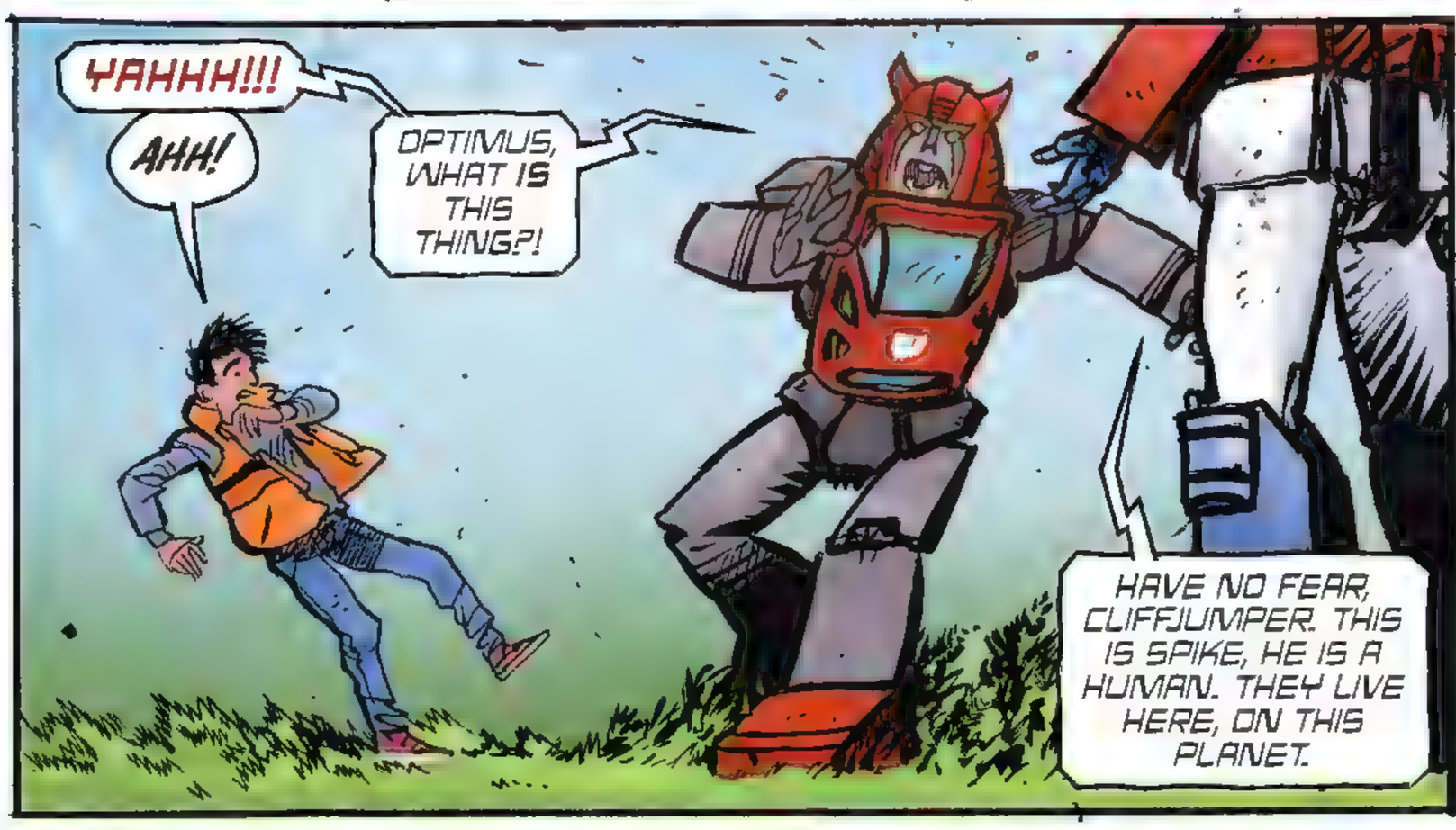





HEY, GREAT LEADER!
CLIFFJUMPER!
THE ONE AND ONLY!

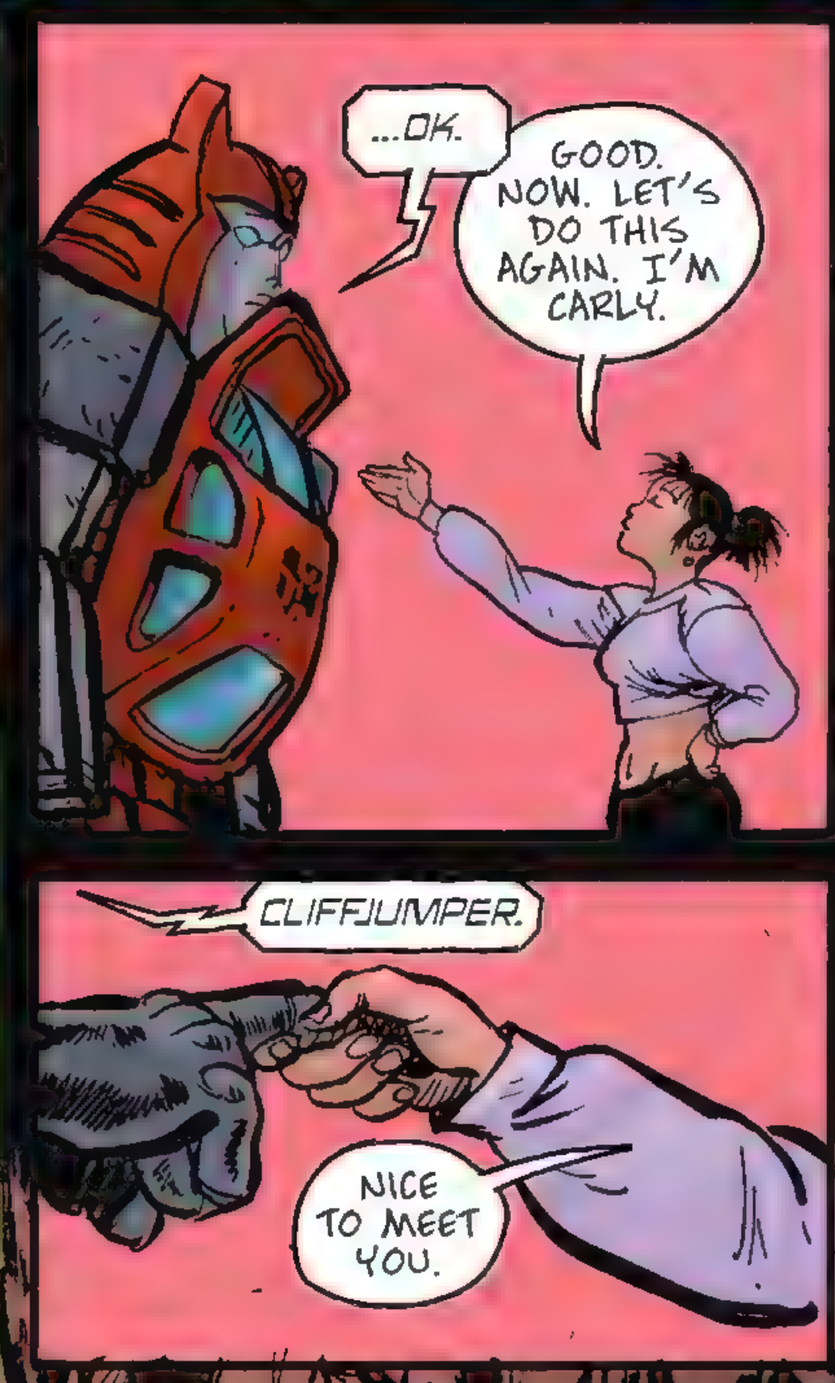



I AM GLAD TO SEE YOU UP AND ABOUT, MY FRIEND.
CRASHING INTO A MOUNTAIN CAN'T KEEP THIS RED DEMON DOWN FOR LONG! RATCHET'S BEEN FILLING ME IN ON EVERYTHING SINCE HE FIXED M--


YAHHH!!!
AHH!
OPTIMUS, WHAT IS THIS THING?!
HAVE NO FEAR, CLIFFJUMPER. THIS IS SPIKE, HE IS A HUMAN. THEY LIVE HERE, ON THIS PLANET.

UM... HI...NICE TO MEET Y--

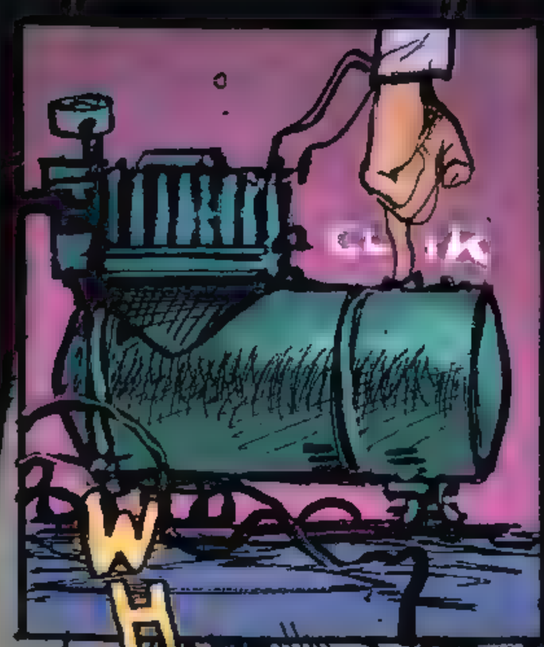
AH, WE'RE NOT THERE YET, MY MAN.
YEEESH... YOU'RE LIKE A TURBORAT-- CREEPY, LITTLE--
OH, PLEASE.



THANKFULLY, WHEN JETFIRE GAVE US NEW FORMS FOR THIS PLANET, HE KEPT OUR CYBERTRONIAN TECHNOLOGY INTACT.

YOUR TACTICAL TRAILER, ALONG WITH THE LEFTOVER METALS IN THIS QUARRY, HAS ALLOWED ME TO START BRINGING OUR WARRIORS BACK.

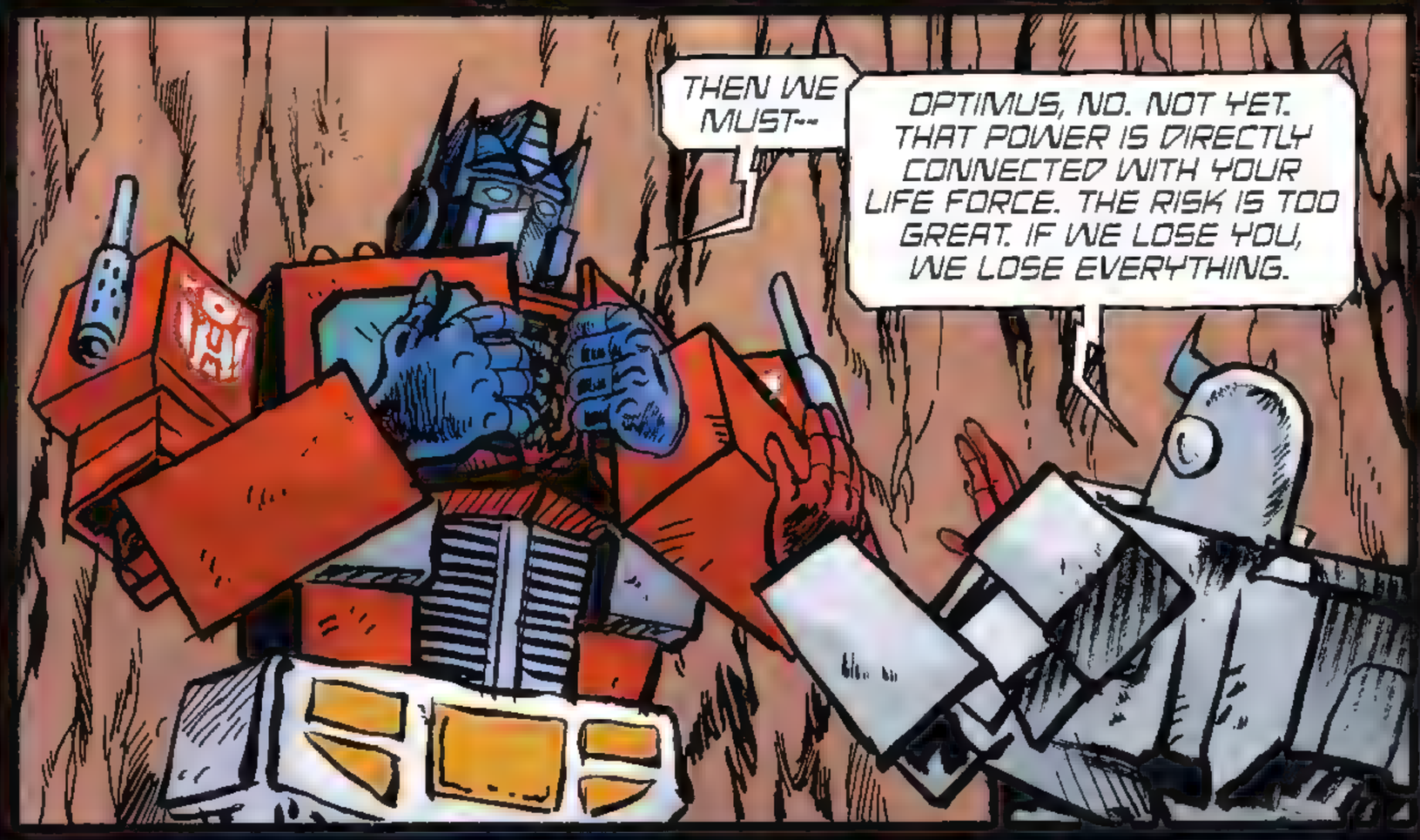
HOW LONG UNTIL WE'RE AT FULL STRENGTH?



WHRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

IT'S GOTTA BE LIKE-- FOOD FOR US, RIGHT?

CORRECT. IT IS GATHERED FROM NATURAL RESOURCES AND KEEPS US ALIVE. BUT I NEED A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF IT TO BRING BACK OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.



"HOPEFULLY THE DECEPTICONS HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM AS US."

OK, SO YOU SAID A "FLYING PLANE".

NO, NO, A FLYING *ROBOT* THAT *LOOKED* LIKE A PLANE!

FPD

A ROBIT? CAUSING ALL THIS? YOU BEEN SKIPPING SAFETY DRILLS AGAIN, JORDIE?

HE'S NOT LYING, OFFICER. THAT PLANE...

DID *THAT* TO DAVEY.

OK, WE'LL CALL IT IN. GET SOME DETECTIVES HERE.

DETECTIVES?! DO YOU SEE THIS PLACE???! WE NEED THE GODDAMN *ARMY!*

SPARKY, EASY! THIS IS JUST PROTOCOL!

SCREW PROTOCOL! GET YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER ON THE HORN AND--

WHOOM

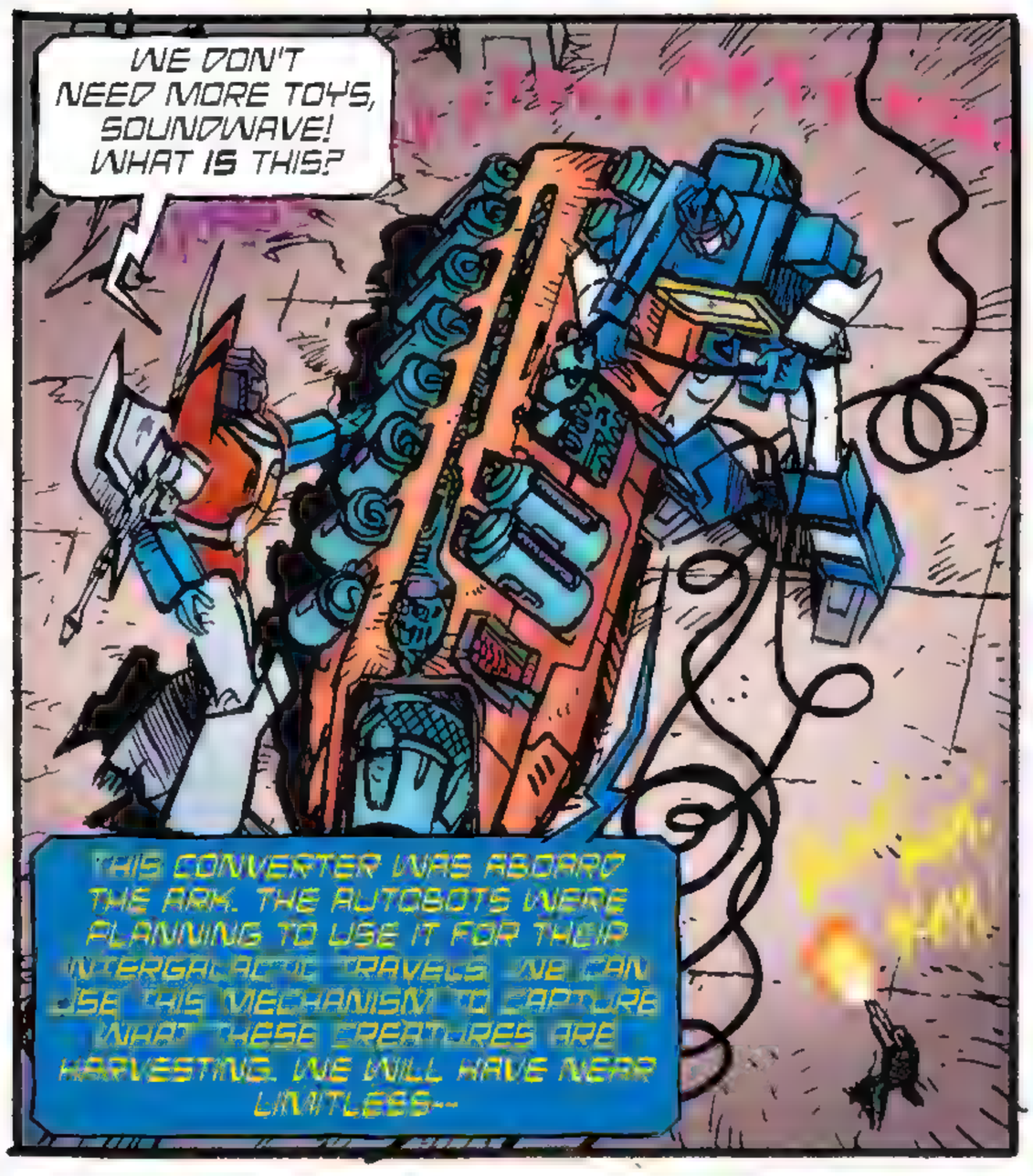
WATCH OUT, WEAKLINGS!

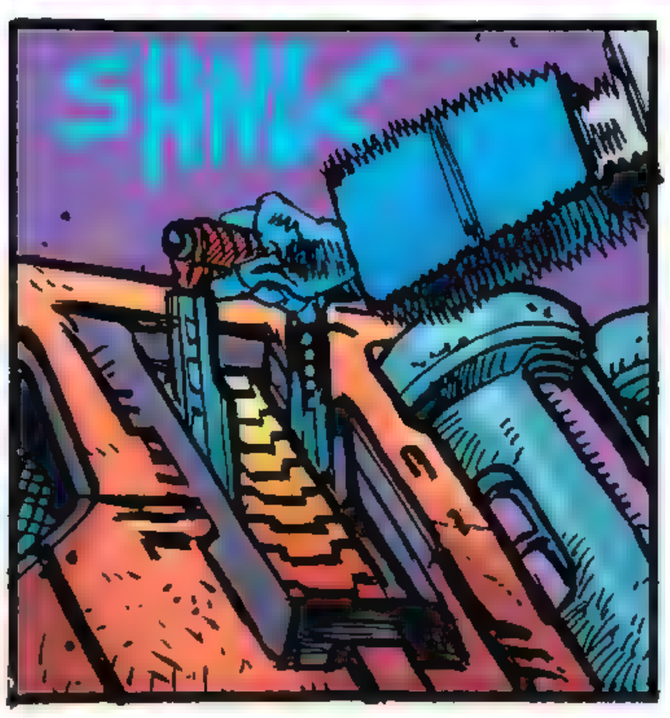
BREEEE

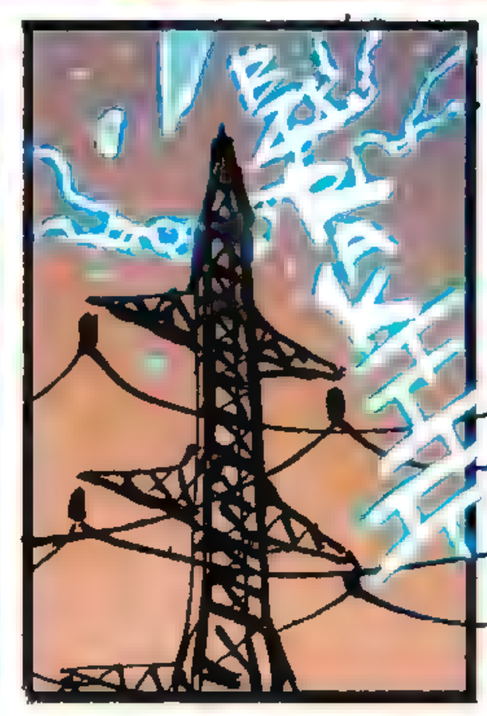
YOU WERE CORRECT, STARSCREAM. THE ENERGY POTENTIAL OF THIS PLACE IS MOST EXCELLENT.

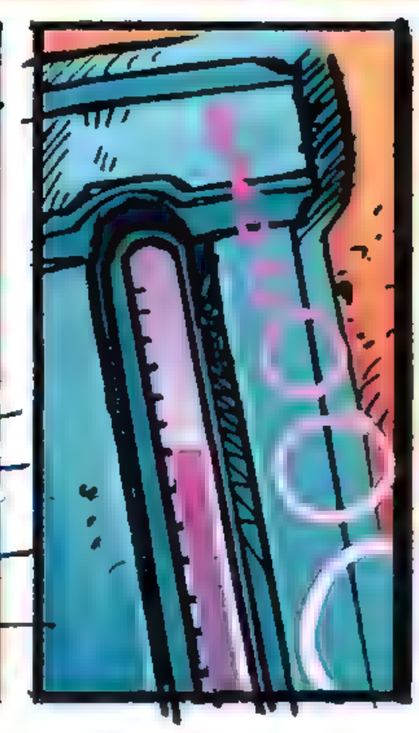
DIDN'T BELIEVE ME WHEN I BROUGHT BACK ENOUGH FOR ALL OF YOU, HUH?

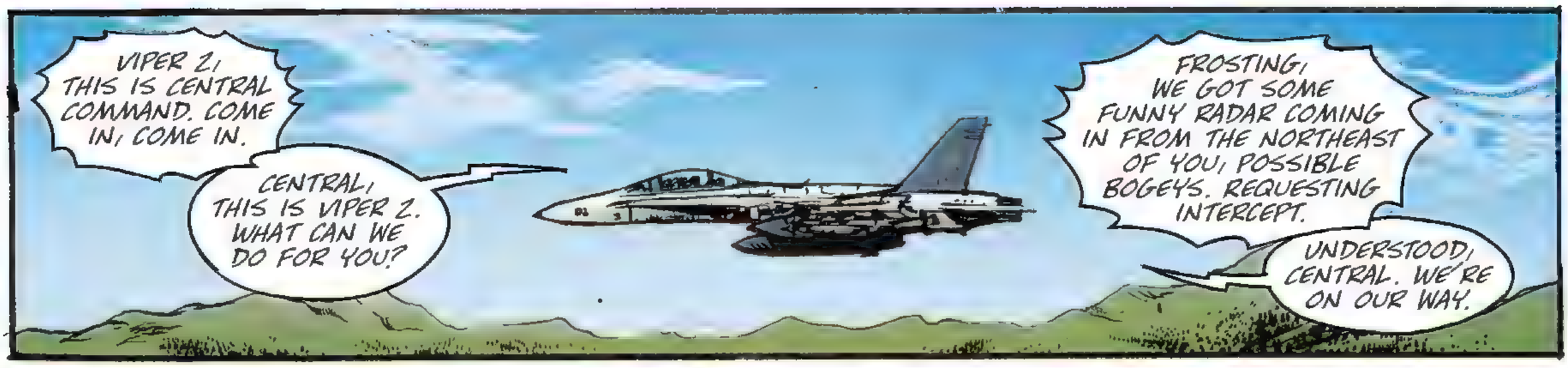
RUMBLE, BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF ENERGY TRANSFER MODULE.

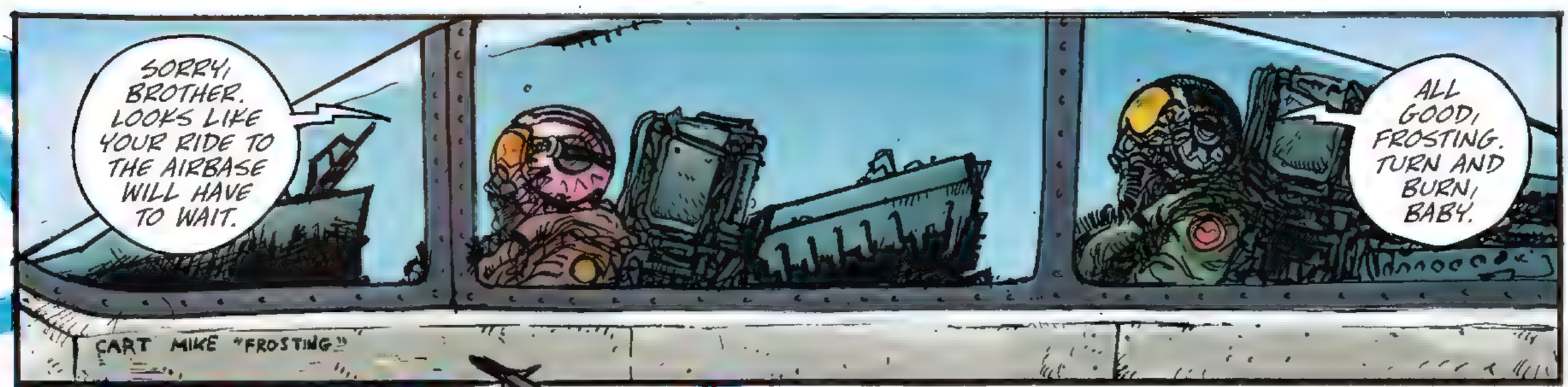


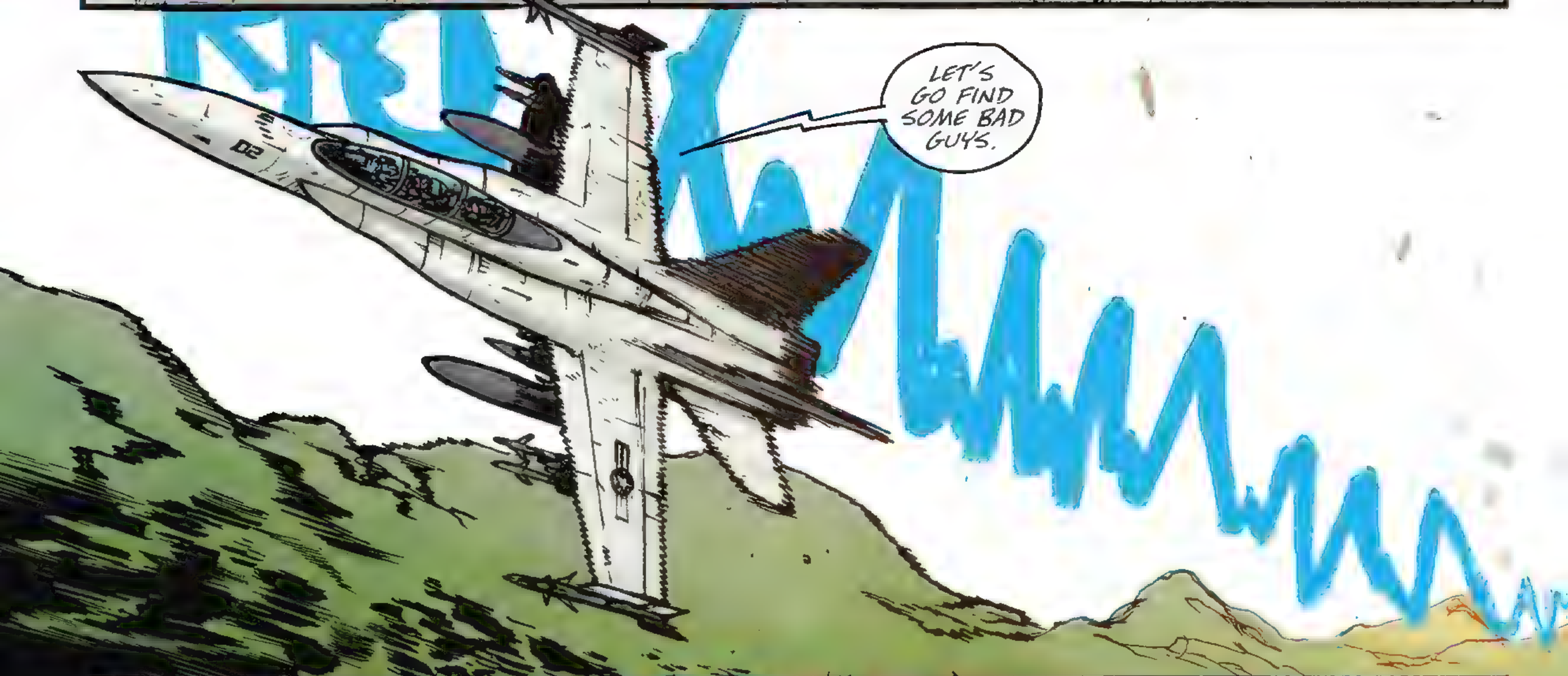


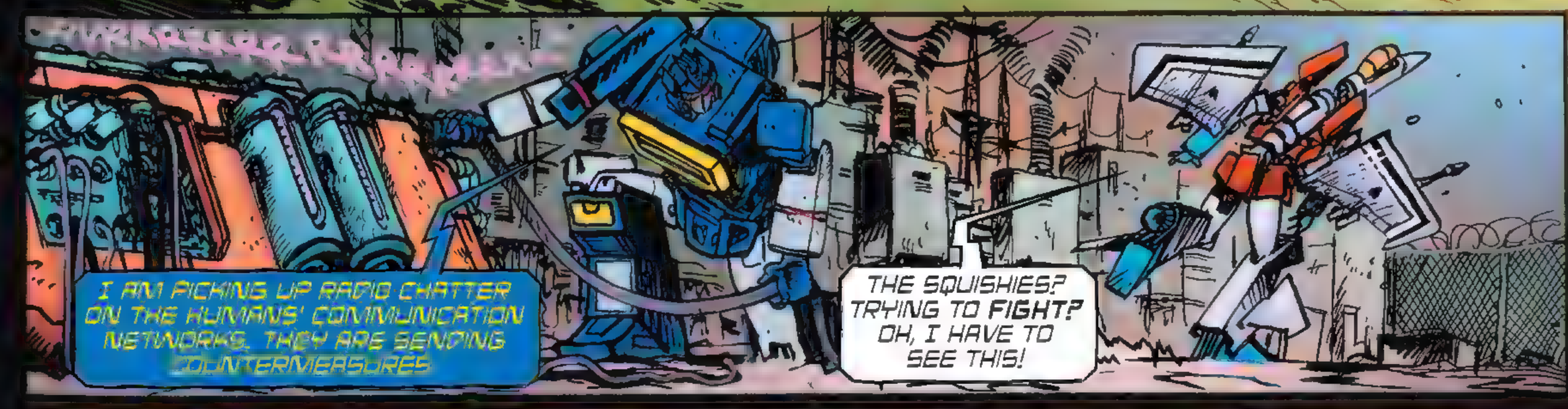





VIPER 2, THIS IS CENTRAL COMMAND. COME IN, COME IN.
CENTRAL, THIS IS VIPER 2. WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?
FROSTING, WE GOT SOME FUNNY RADAR COMING IN FROM THE NORTHEAST OF YOU, POSSIBLE BOGEYS. REQUESTING INTERCEPT.
UNDERSTOOD, CENTRAL. WE'RE ON OUR WAY.

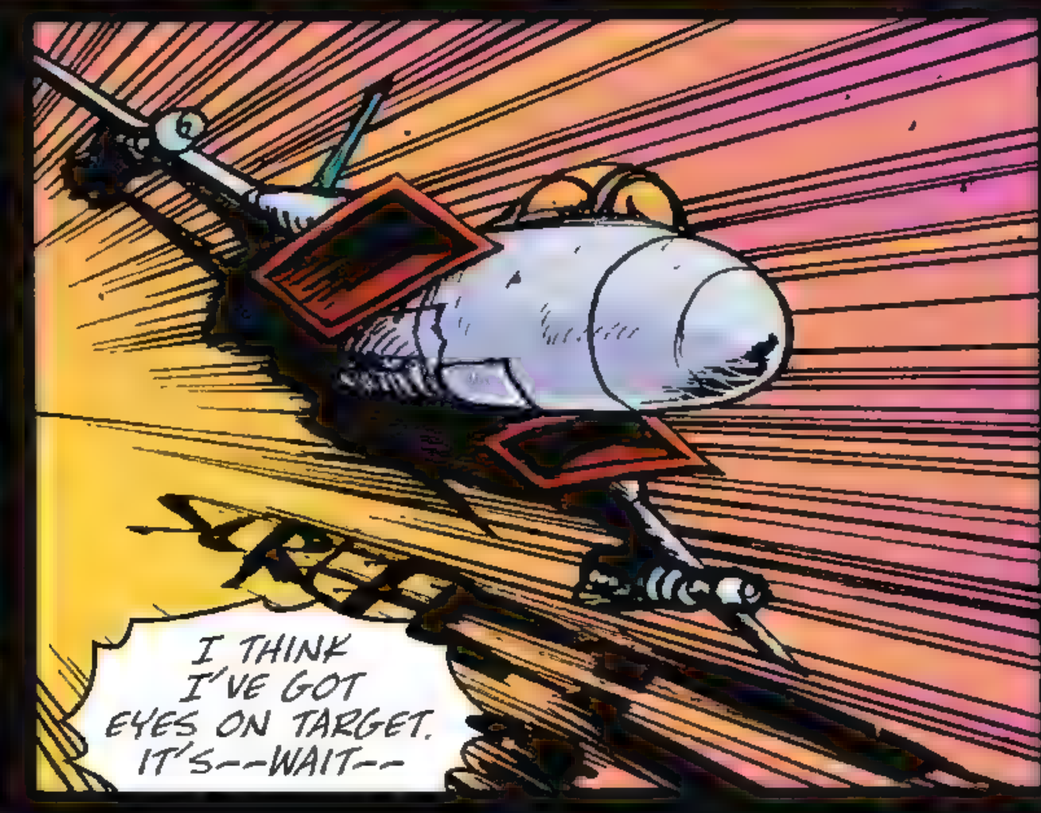

SORRY, BROTHER. LOOKS LIKE YOUR RIDE TO THE AIRBASE WILL HAVE TO WAIT.
ALL GOOD, FROSTING. TURN AND BURN, BABY.
CAPT MIKE "FROSTING"


LET'S GO FIND SOME BAD GUYS.


I AM PICKING UP RADIO CHATTER ON THE HUMANS' COMMUNICATION NETWORKS. THEY ARE SENDING COUNTERMEASURES
THE SQUISHIES? TRYING TO FIGHT? OH, I HAVE TO SEE THIS!

I GOT SOMETHING COMING IN HOT.
YOU GOT A FIX FOR US?

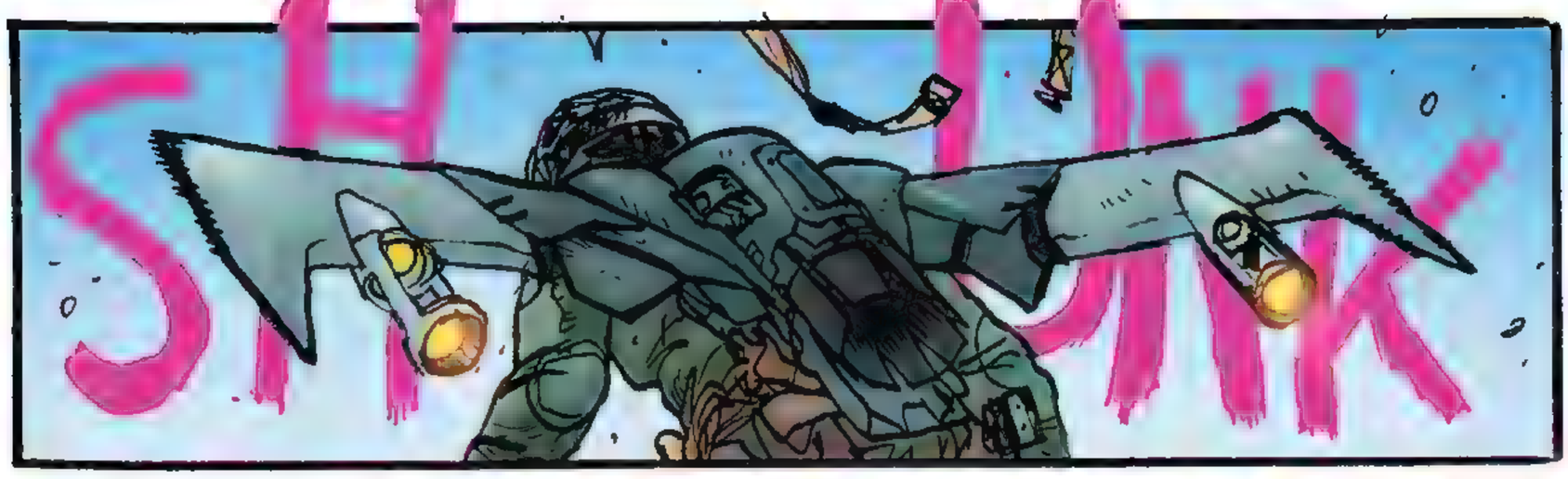
DEAD AHEAD, BABY. TWO KLICKS OUT.
UNIDENTIFIED FLIER, THIS IS VIPER 2 OF ALPHA COMMAND. YOU ARE IN RESTRICTED AIR-SPACE--PLEASE RESPOND--

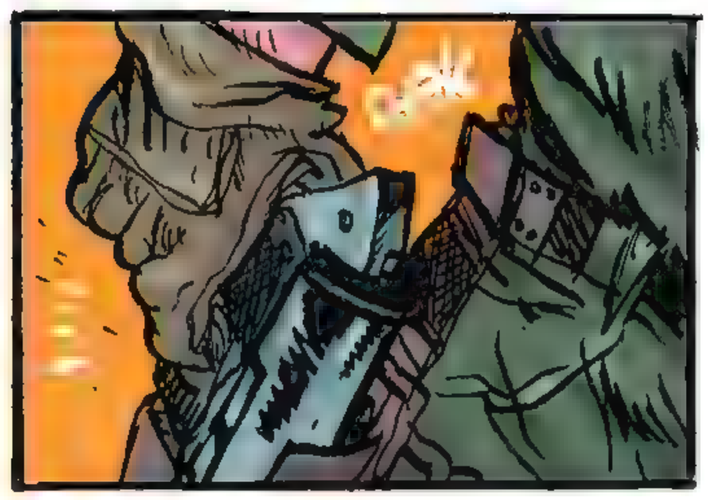

I THINK I'VE GOT EYES ON TARGET. IT'S--WAIT--

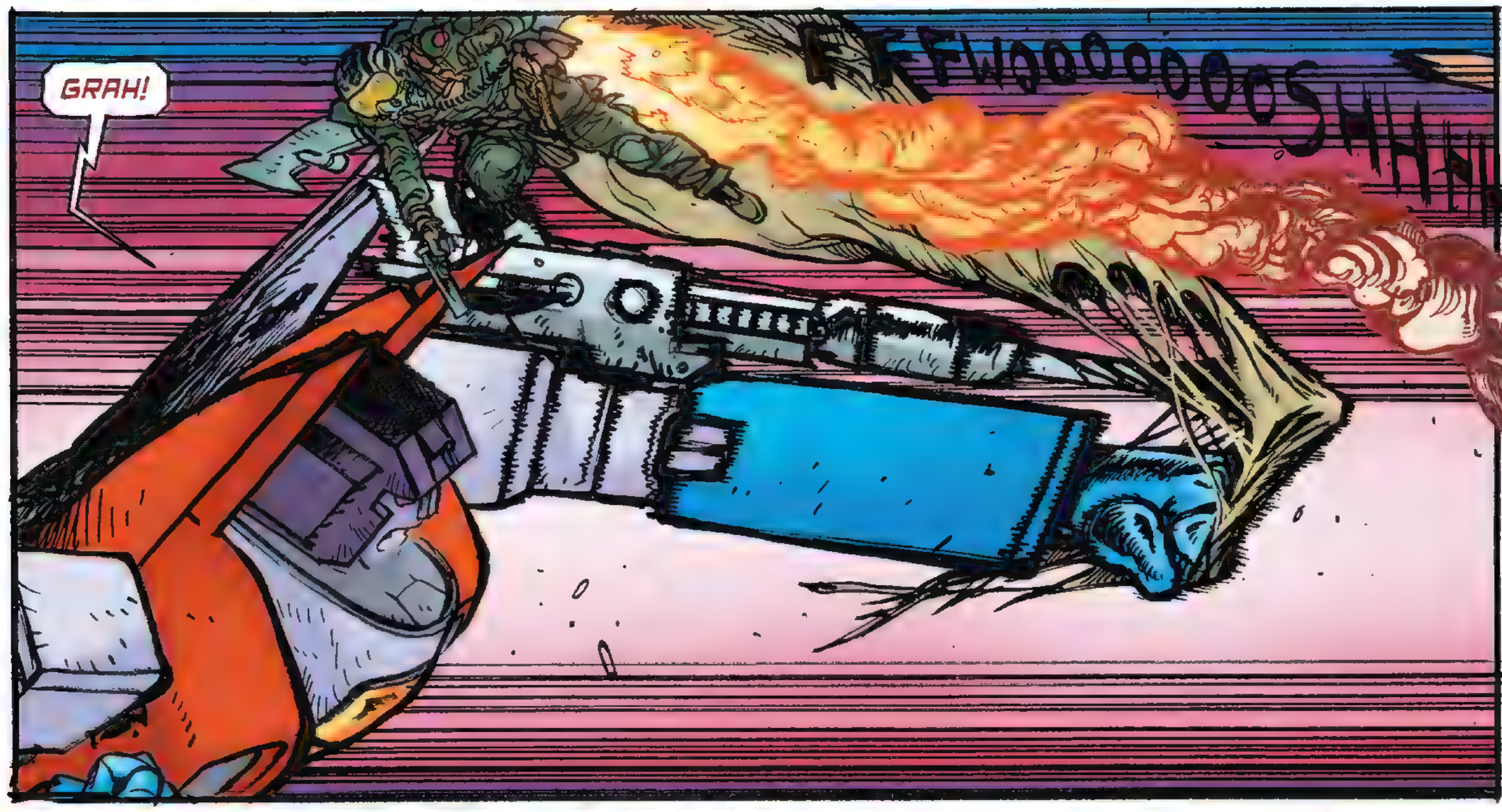
--IS THAT ONE OF OURS?!
WATCH OUT!
HE JUST TOOK A SHOT AT US!
HE'S TRYING TO GET A LOCK! MOVE, MOVE!
HANG ON!
--GNNNNNN--
GOTCHA!
WE'RE LOCKED! FIRE, FIRE, FIRE!

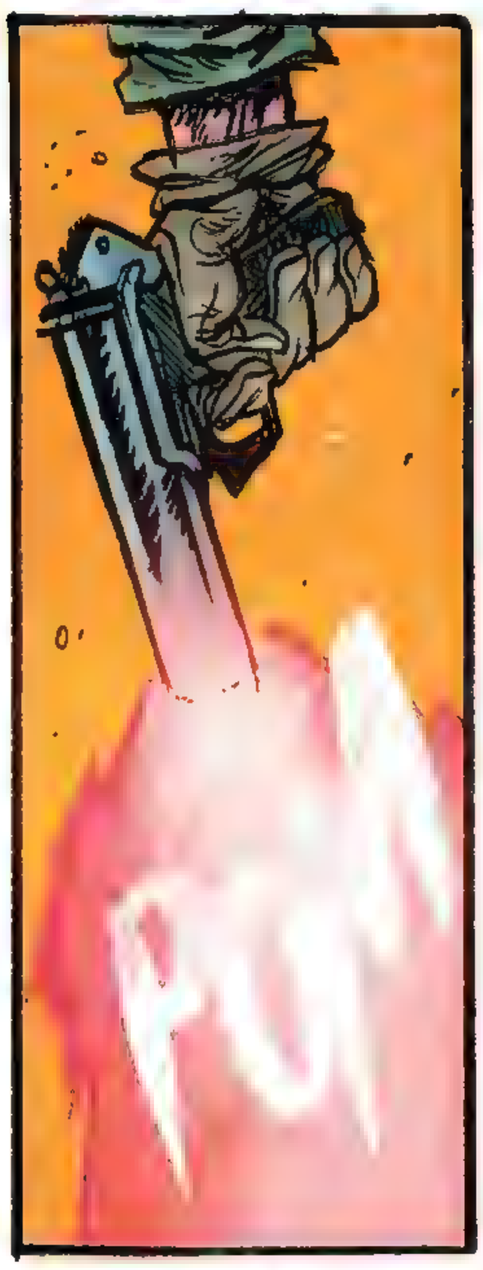
WHA--
HAHA!
THIS IS FUN!
=HNGGGGHH!=
FROSTING! WE'RE GOING DOWN! EJECT! EJECT!
=GNNGKK= CAN'T REACH--
FROSTING, COME ON!
GOT IT!

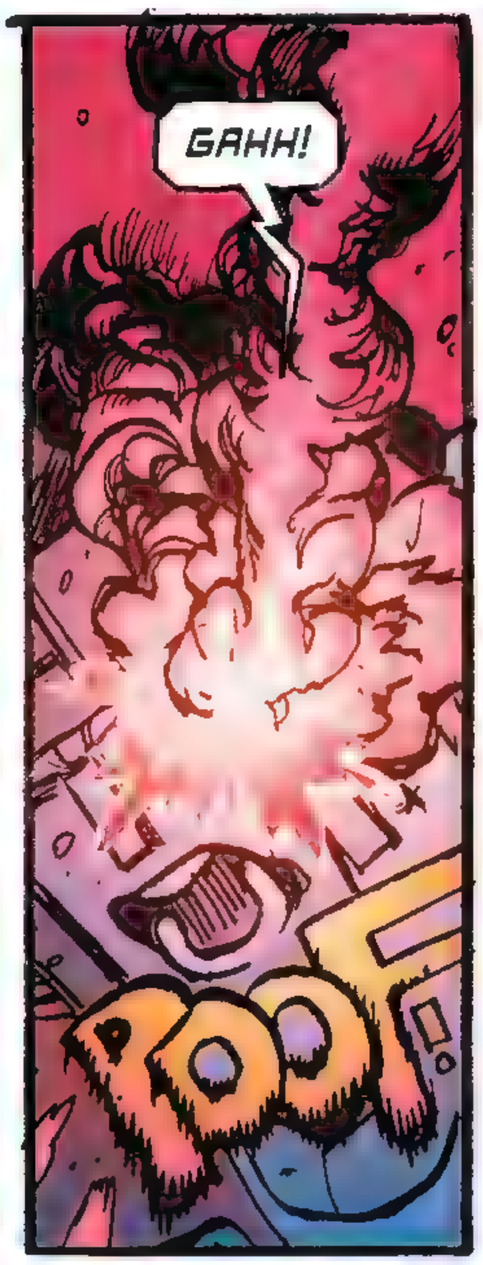
WOOM
HI.
NO!
click
THROW


SHUNK

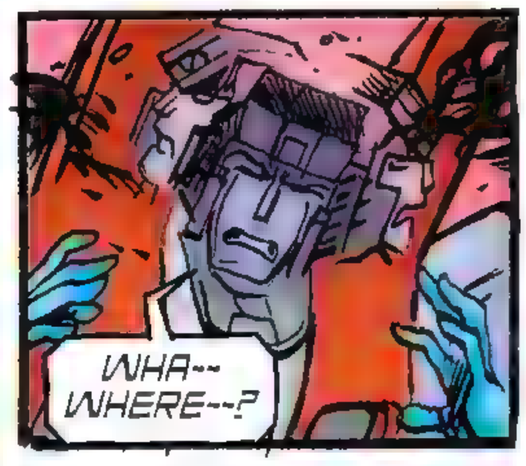


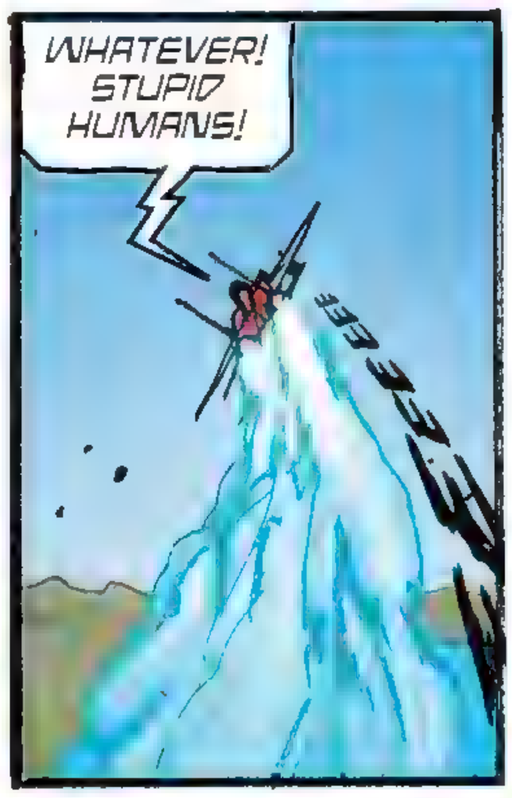

GRAH!
FFFWOOOOOOOSHH



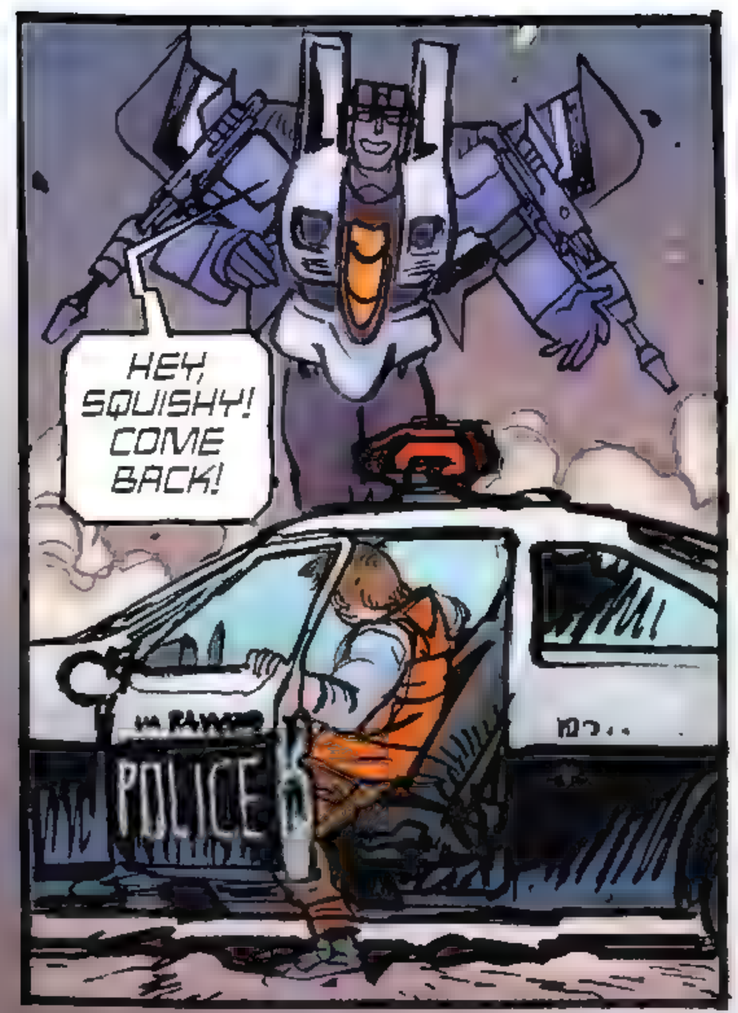

GAHH!
POOF!

SSRooooooooooooooooooooo

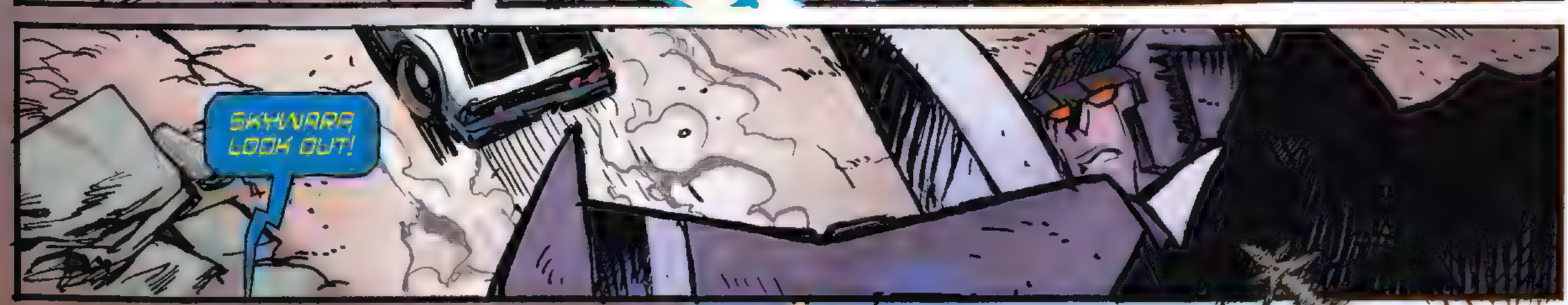

WHA--
WHERE--?


WHATEVER!
STUPID
HUMANS!

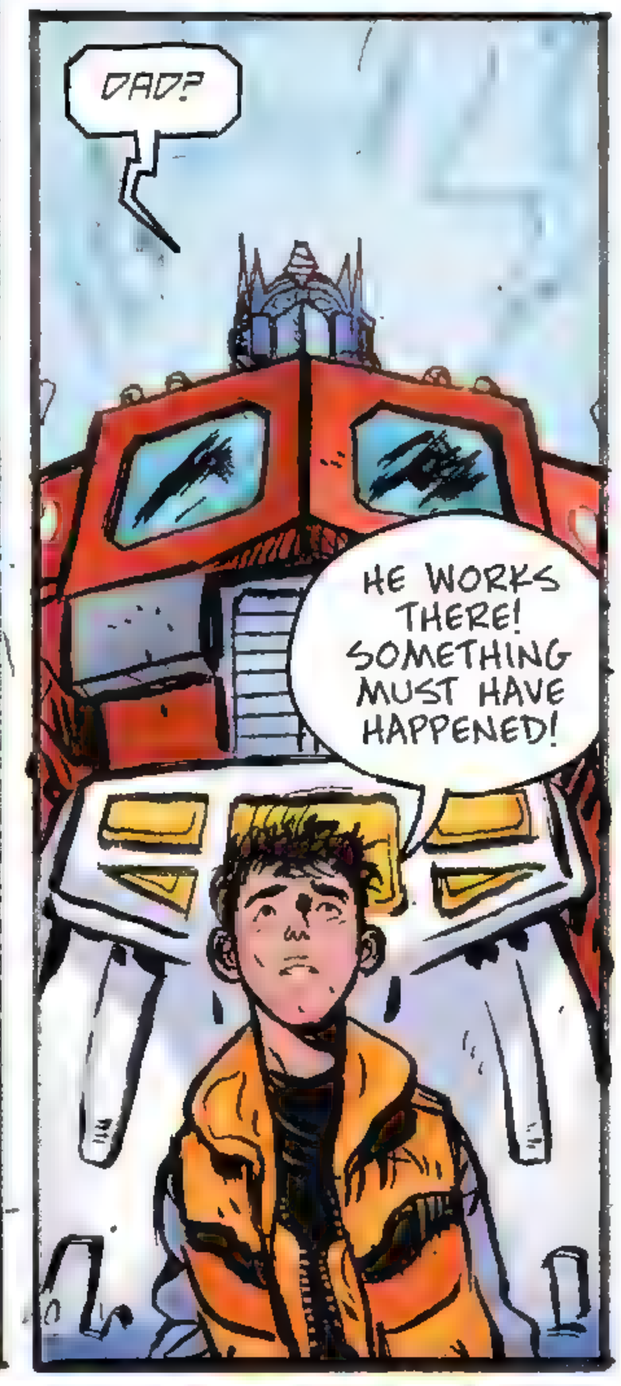
DUKE
"YOU'LL ALL
BE DEAD
EVENTUALLY!"

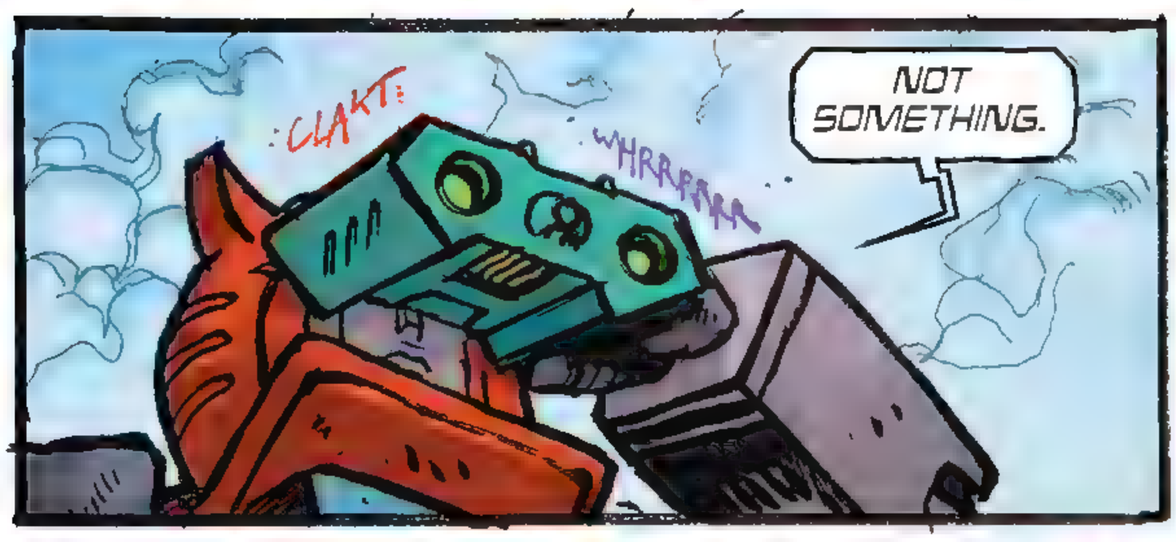

HEY, SQUISHY! COME BACK!
POLICE

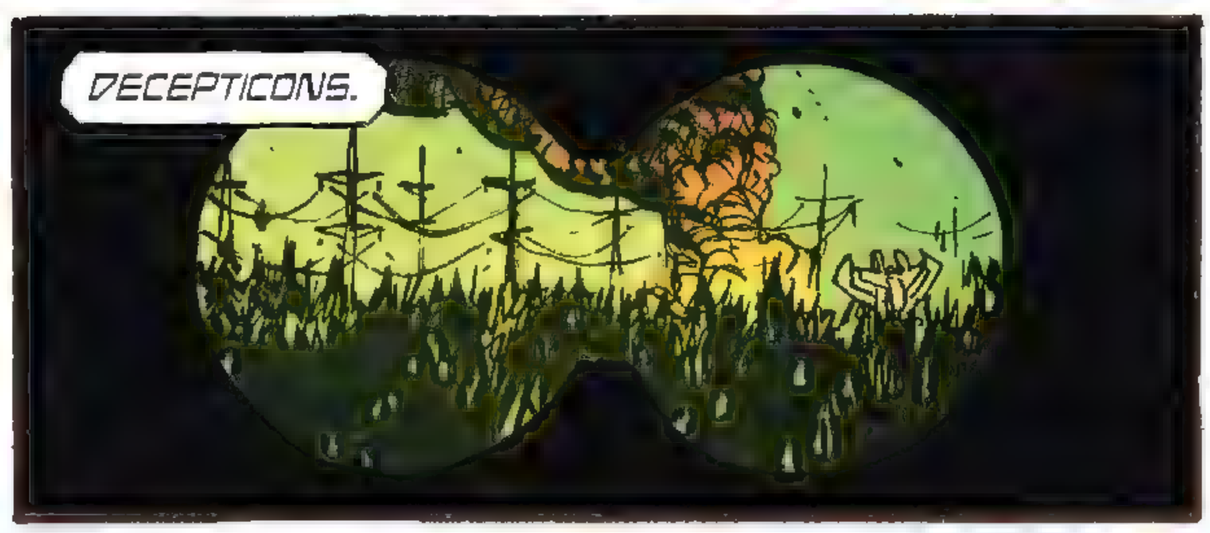
HEY, COME ON, I WON'T HURTCHA! I PROMISE!
WHOOP


SKYWARP, LOOK OUT!

OH--



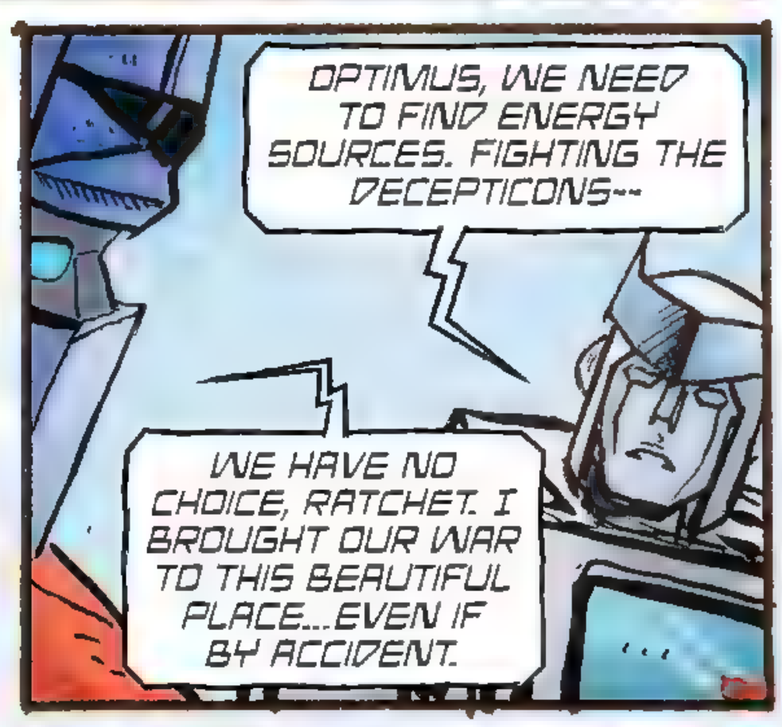


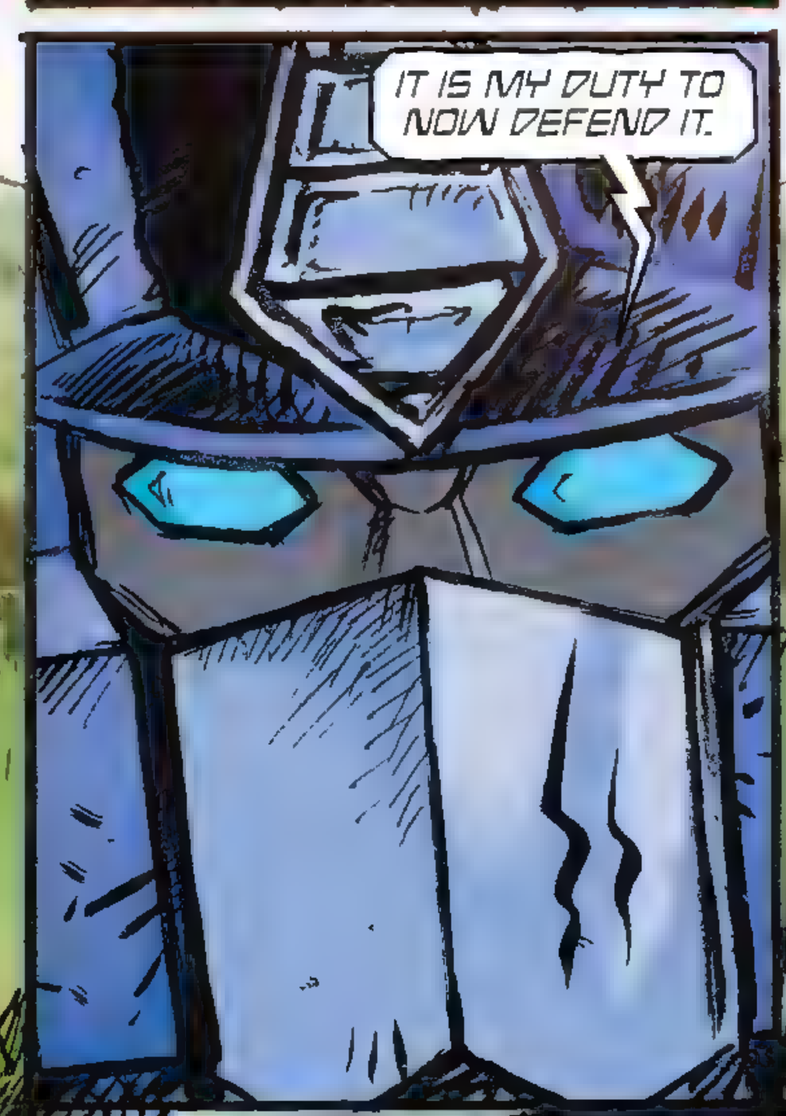


SPIKE, THEY'VE WASTED NO TIME. THE DECEPTICONS ARE ATTACKING YOUR HOME.

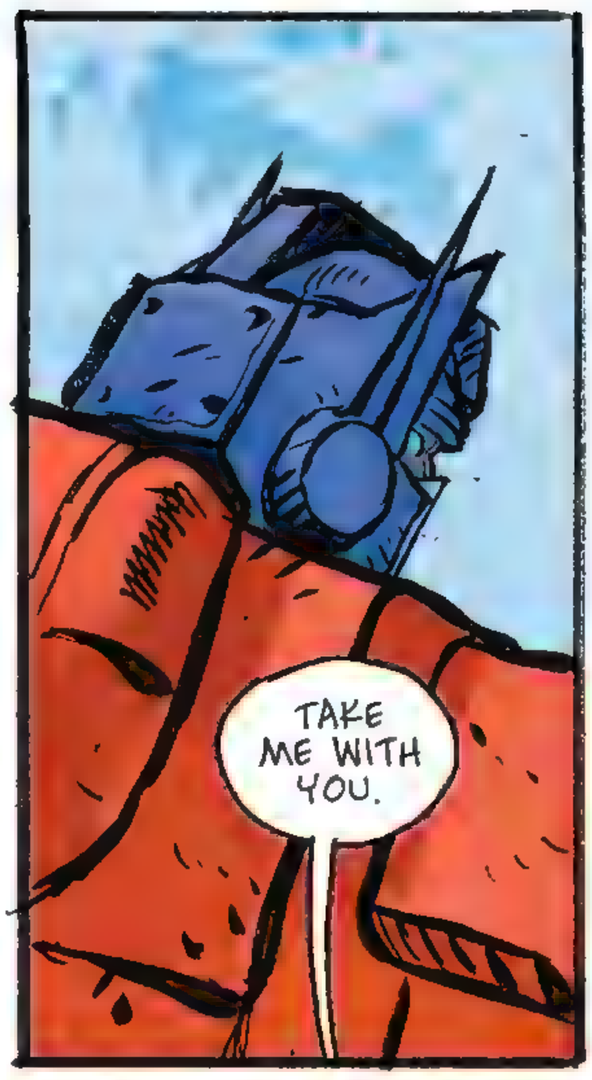
WHAT, WHY??

THEY'LL TAKE ENERGON FROM ANYWHERE THEY CAN GET IT, AND WILL HAPPILY DO SO BY FORCE.

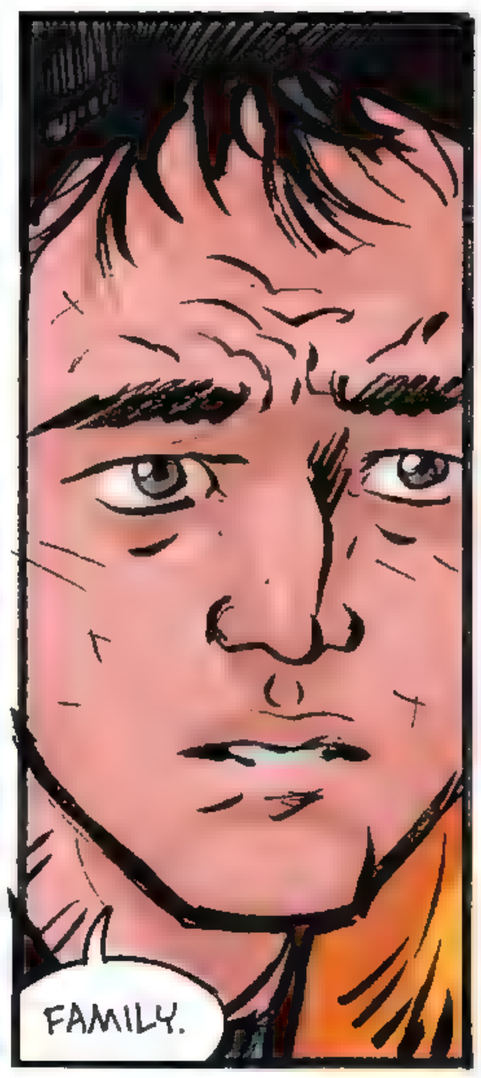


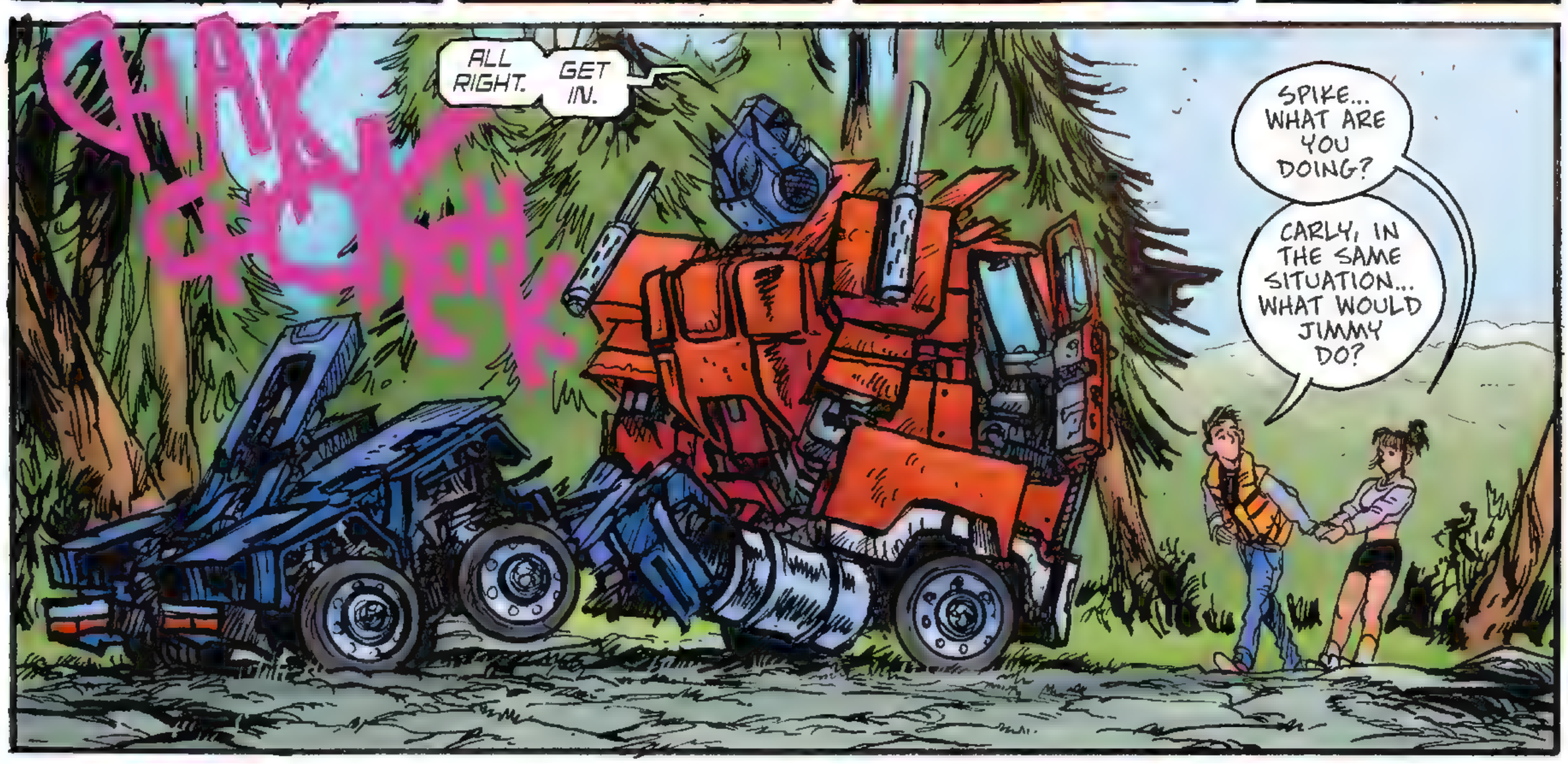


CLIFFJUMPER, I NEED YOU TO STAY HERE WITH RATCHET.
BUT--
YOU MUST PROTECT OUR SLEEPING BROTHERS. I'M GOING TO NEED ALL THE HELP I CAN GET SOON ENOUGH. CAN YOU DO THIS FOR ME?
OF COURSE, OPTIMUS.


TAKE ME WITH YOU.

NO, SPIKE... THERE WILL BE TOO MUCH DANGER WHERE I'M GOING.
I HAVE TO GO. HE'S MY DAD.

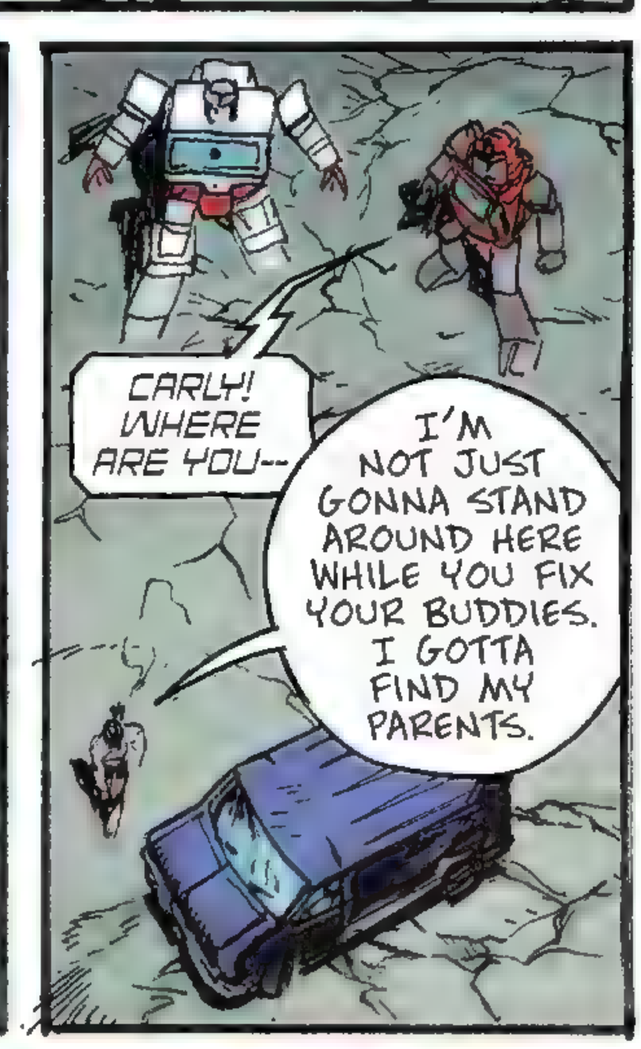

FAMILY.

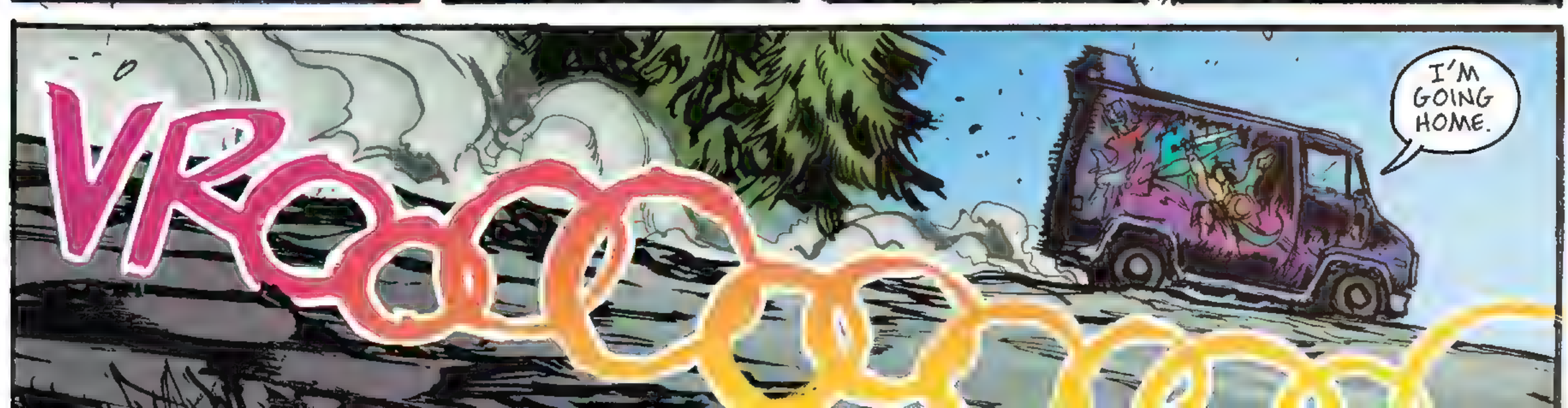

CHAK CHAK CHAK
ALL RIGHT. GET IN.
SPIKE... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CARLY, IN THE SAME SITUATION... WHAT WOULD JIMMY DO?

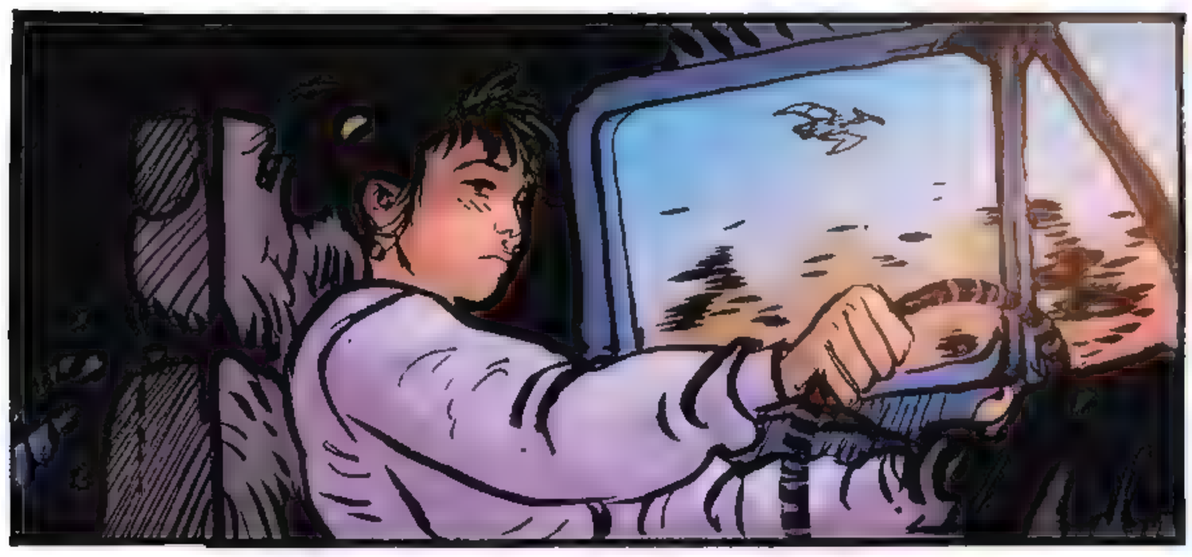
HE'D GO TO DAD... WITHOUT THINKING.
THAT'S WHAT I'M GONNA DO, TOO.

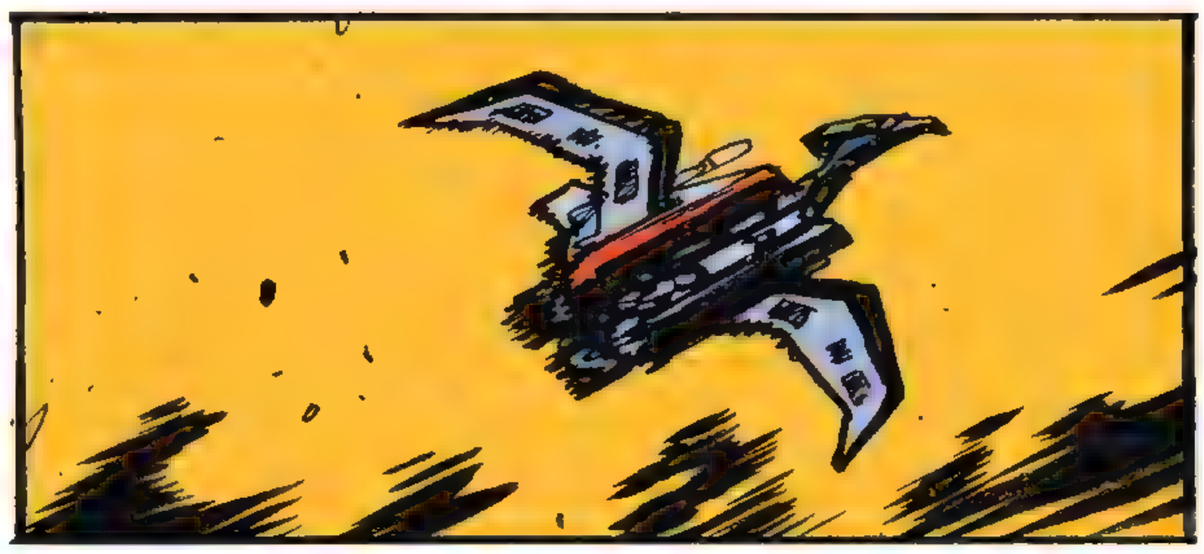
BUT THIS IS--CRAZY! WE CAN'T JUST JUMP INTO A BATTLE WITH GIANT ROBOTS! WE SHOULD GET BACK TO OUR HOMES. I BET OUR PARENTS ARE THERE ALREADY!

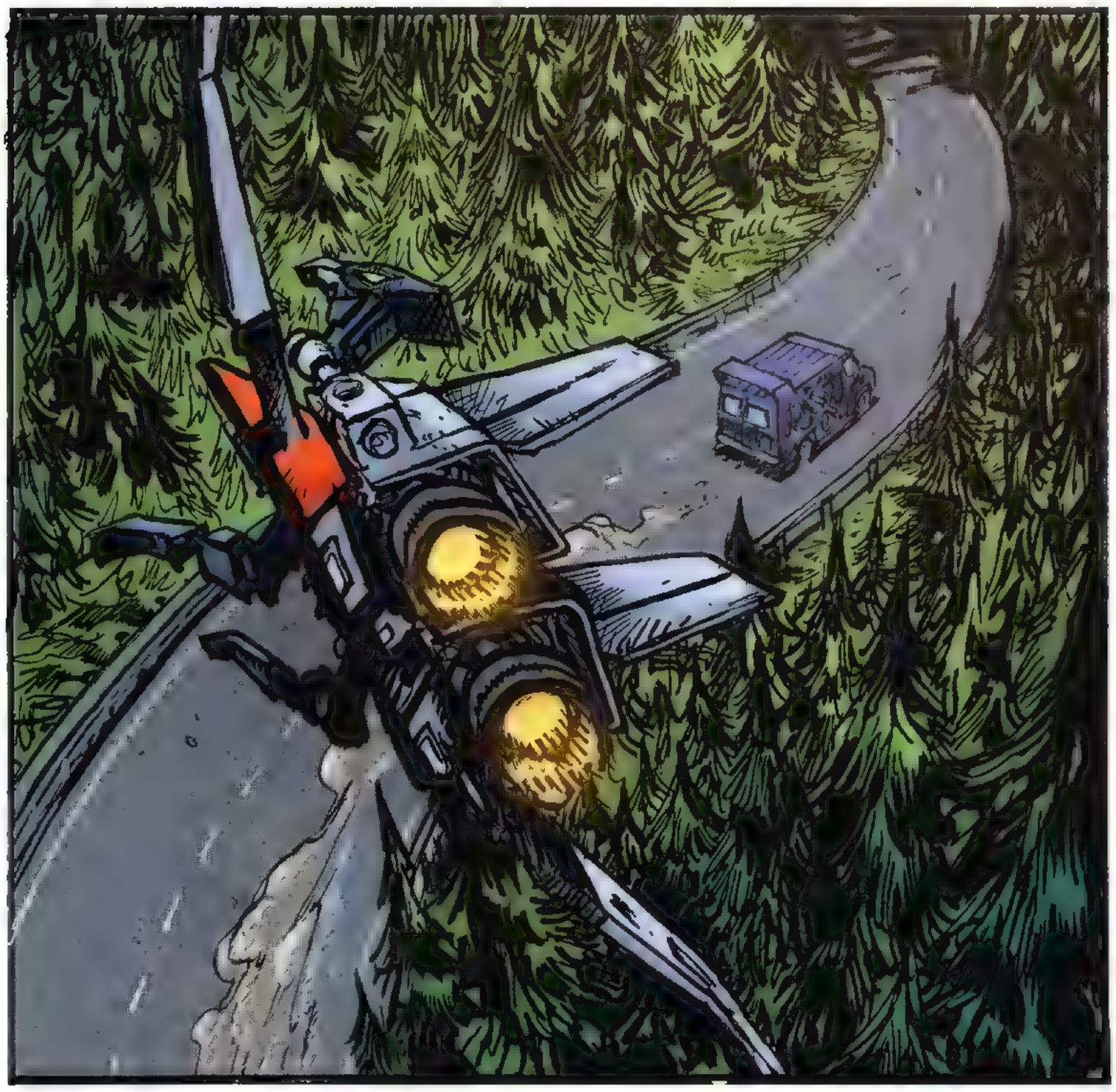
SPIKE, WAIT! SPIKE!

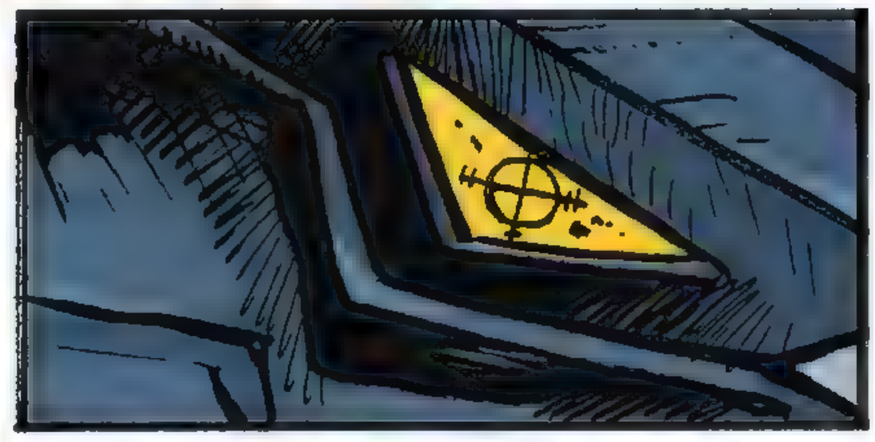

CARLY! WHERE ARE YOU--
I'M NOT JUST GONNA STAND AROUND HERE WHILE YOU FIX YOUR BUDDIES. I GOTTA FIND MY PARENTS.

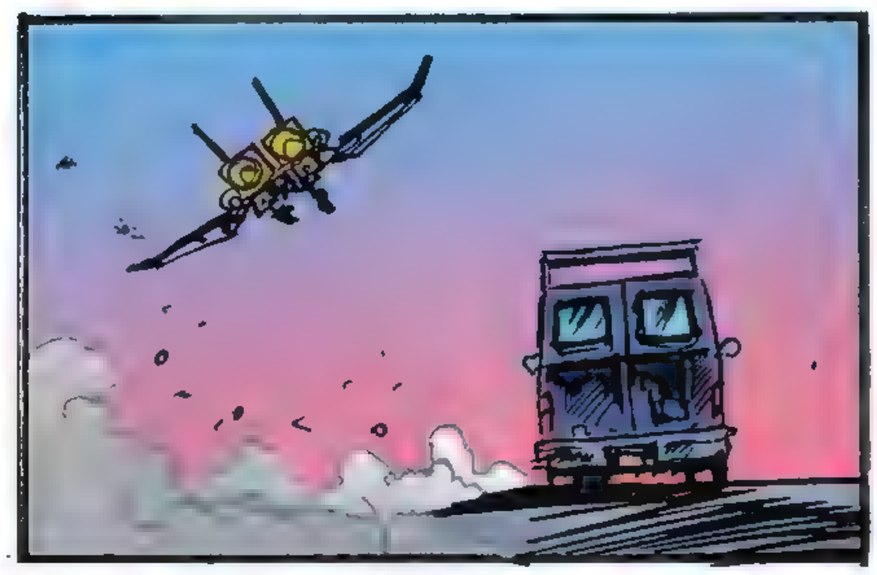

VROOOO





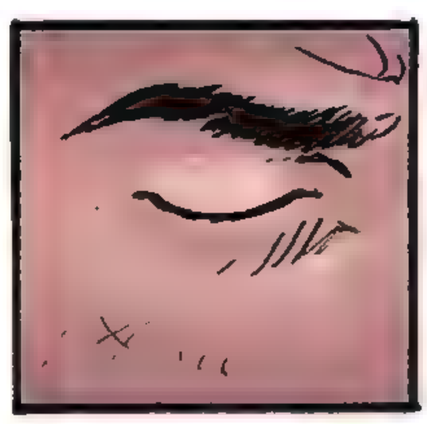


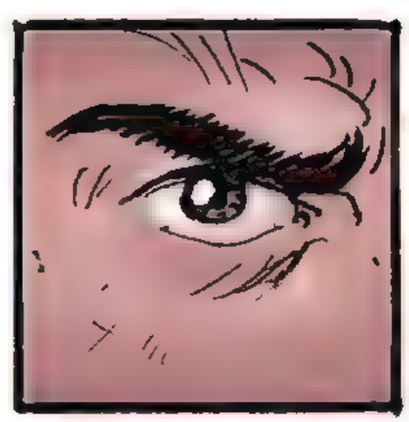


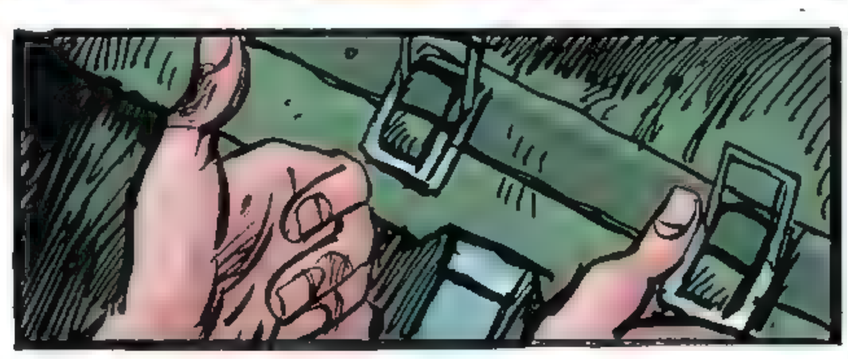


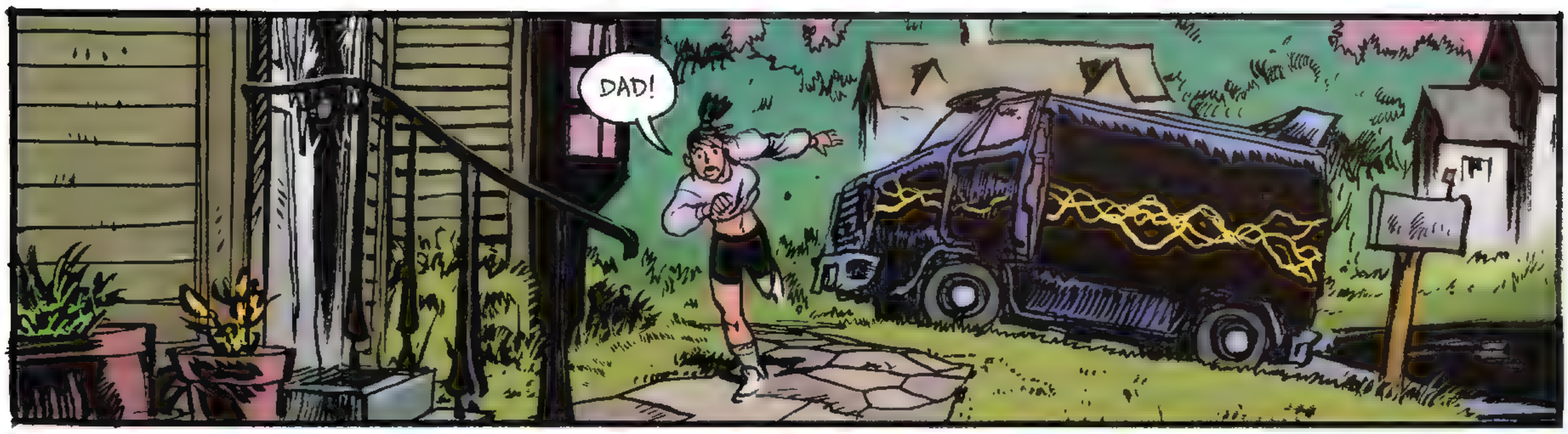
SPIKE!

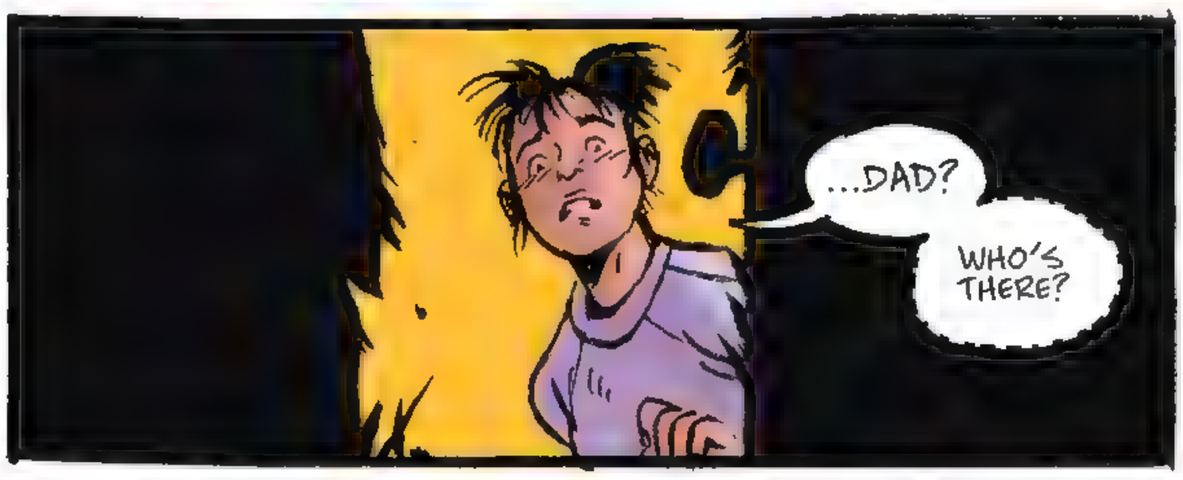
SPIKE, ARE YOU HOME?!

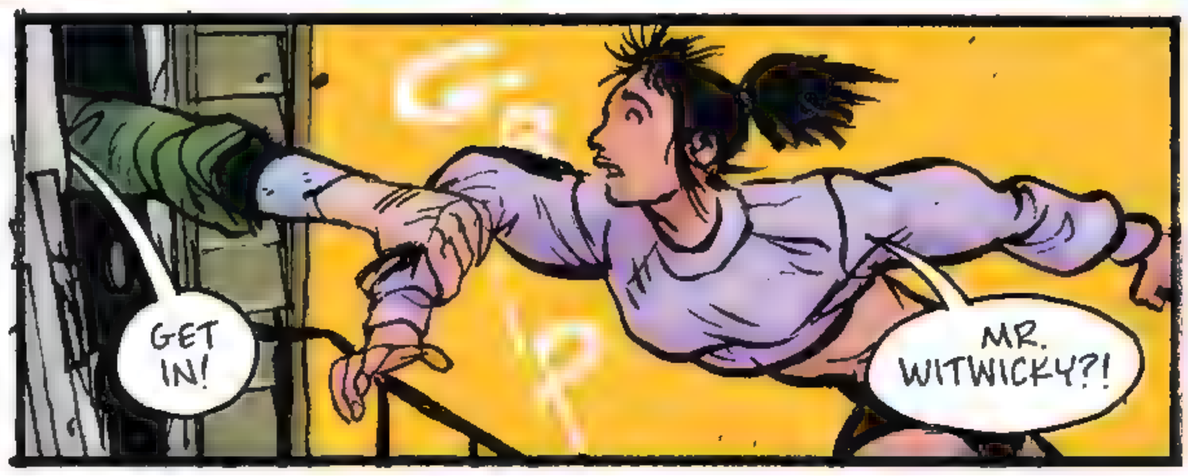






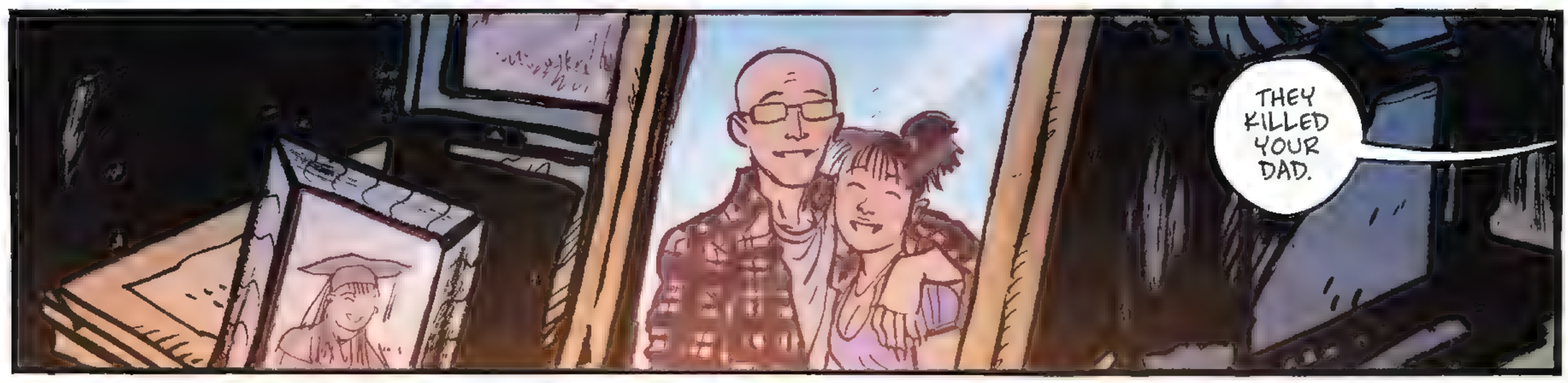






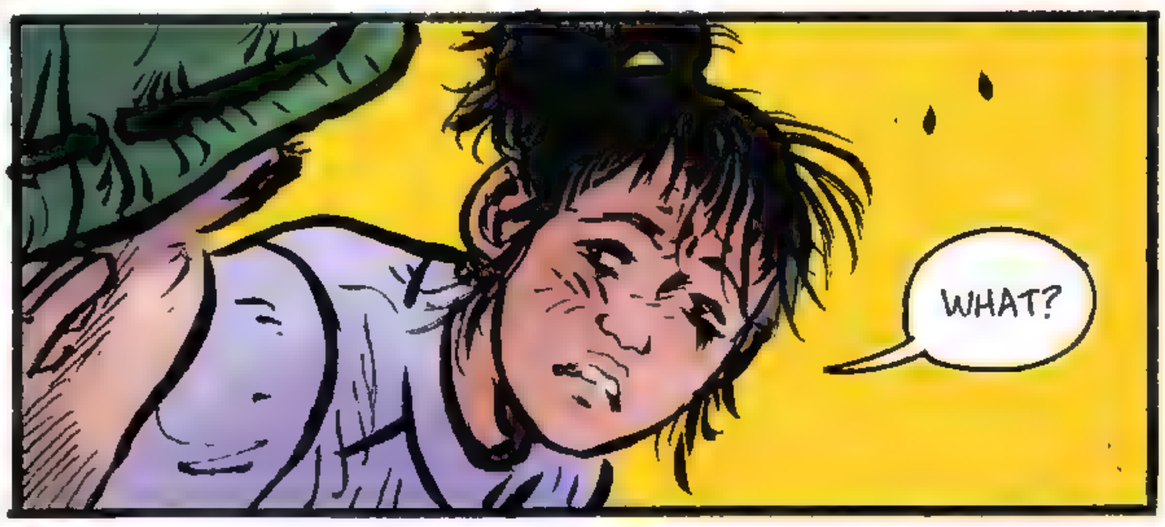
I JUST GOT HERE. WHERE IS SPIKE?

WHERE-- WHERE'S MY DAD?

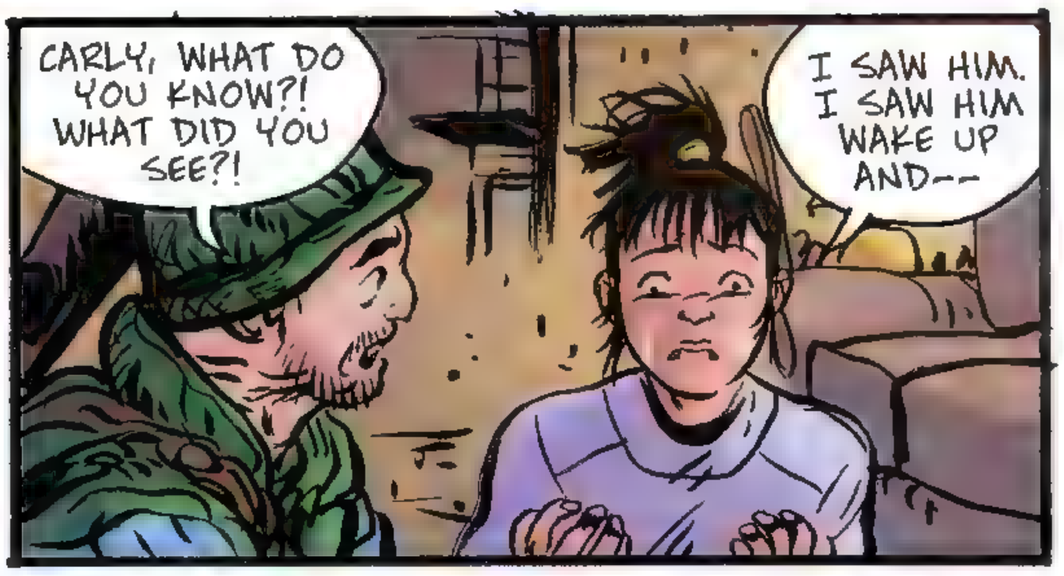


CARLY, PLEASE--
HOW DID HE DIE? WHAT HAPPENED?
AH, KIDDO...
TELL ME EVERYTHING.

HE--I KNOW THIS SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT...HE WAS CRUSHED BY A GIANT... ROBOT.

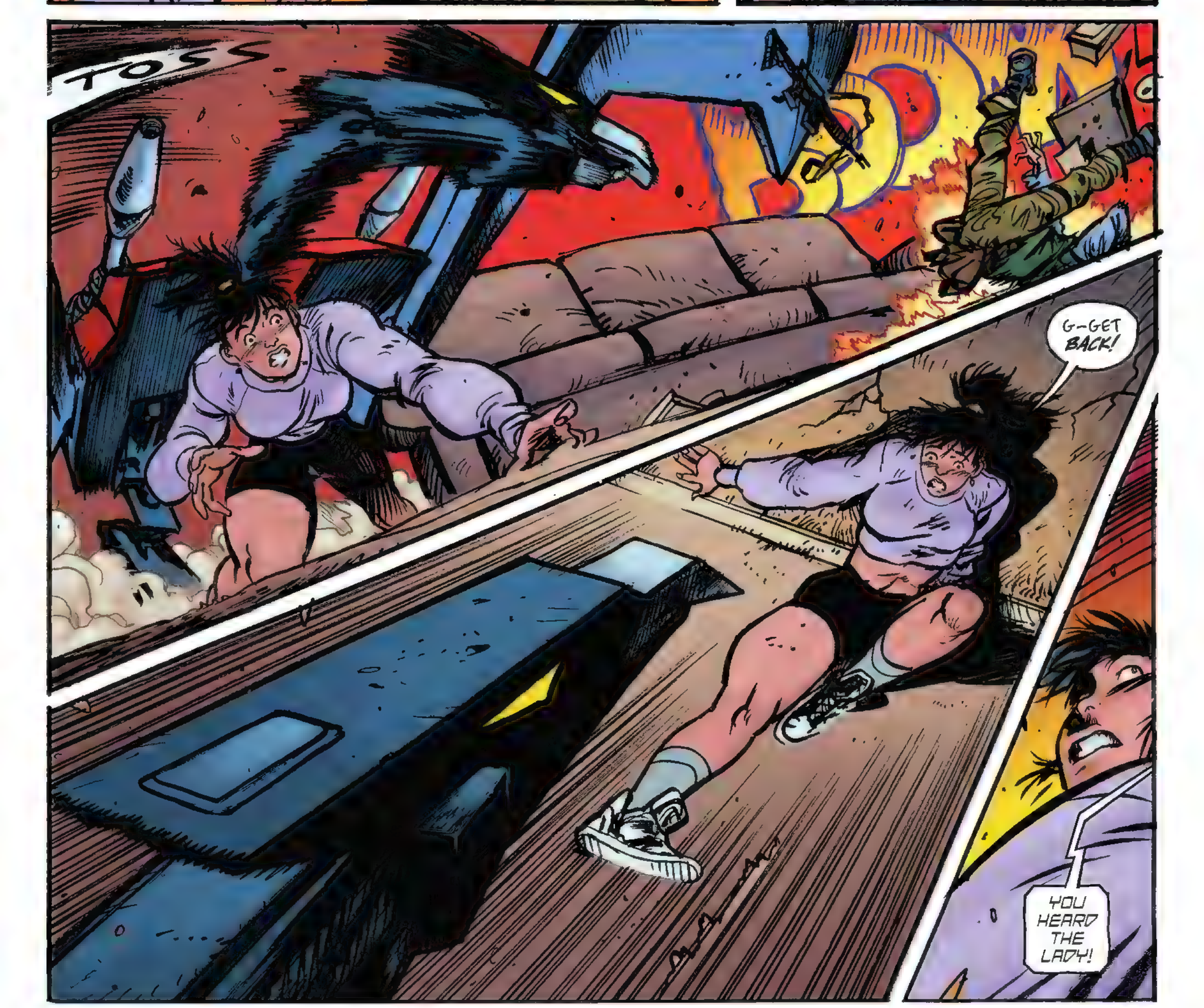

WHAT?

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO PUT IT. IT GRABBED HIM AND JUST--
WHAT DID IT LOOK LIKE?!
I--
WAS IT RED? AND GREY? DID IT TURN INTO A PLANE?


CARLY, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?! WHAT DID YOU SEE?!
I SAW HIM. I SAW HIM WAKE UP AND--

WERE YOU WITH SPIKE? IS MY BOY OKAY?!
HE--

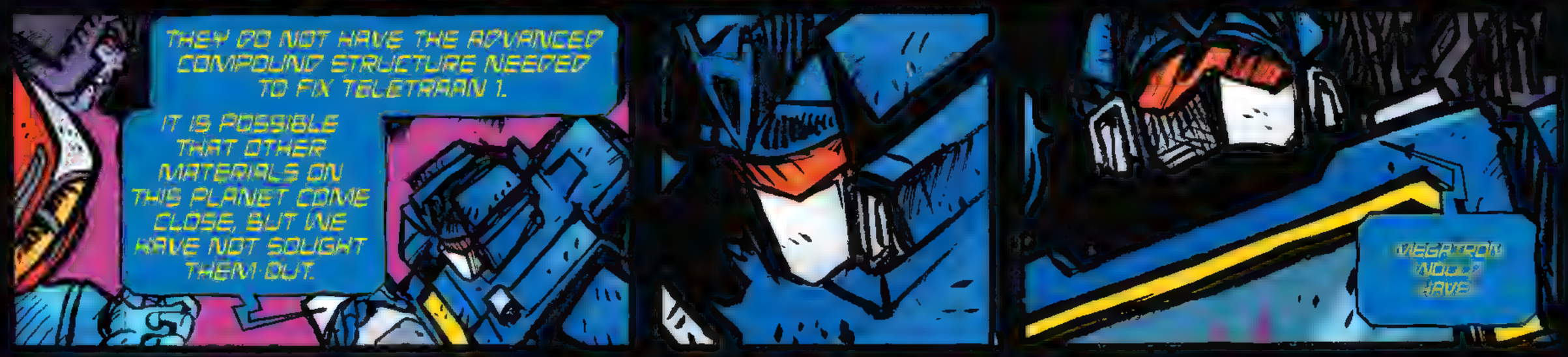
BAM
BAM
BAM
GET BEHIND ME!

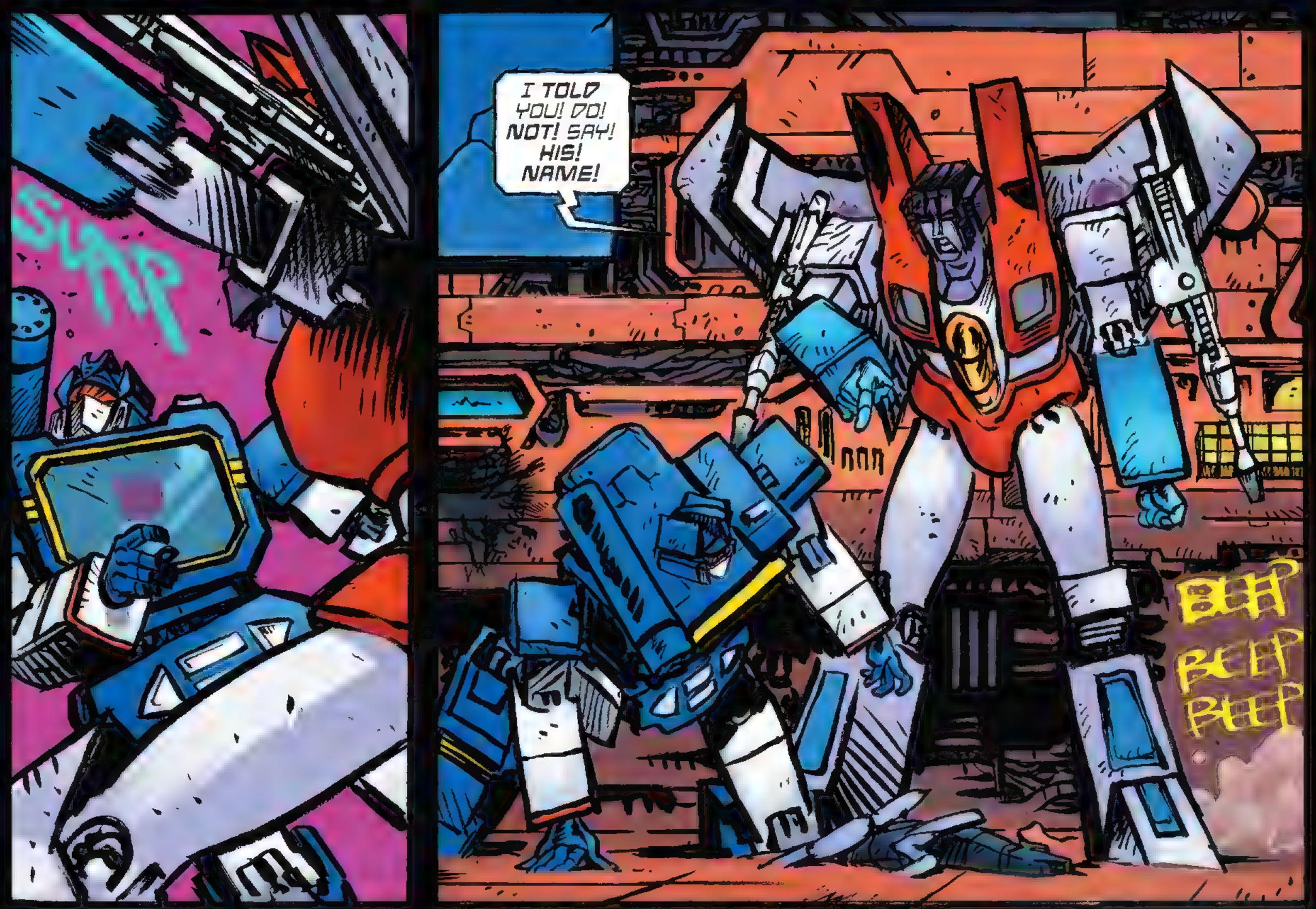

TOSS
G-GET BACK!
YOU HEARD THE LADY!

BACK UP, LASER-FREAK!
CLIFFJUMPER?
I SAW YOU DRIVING AWAY, AND... I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE GOOD. I'M GLAD I DID--
GET AWAY.
UH--

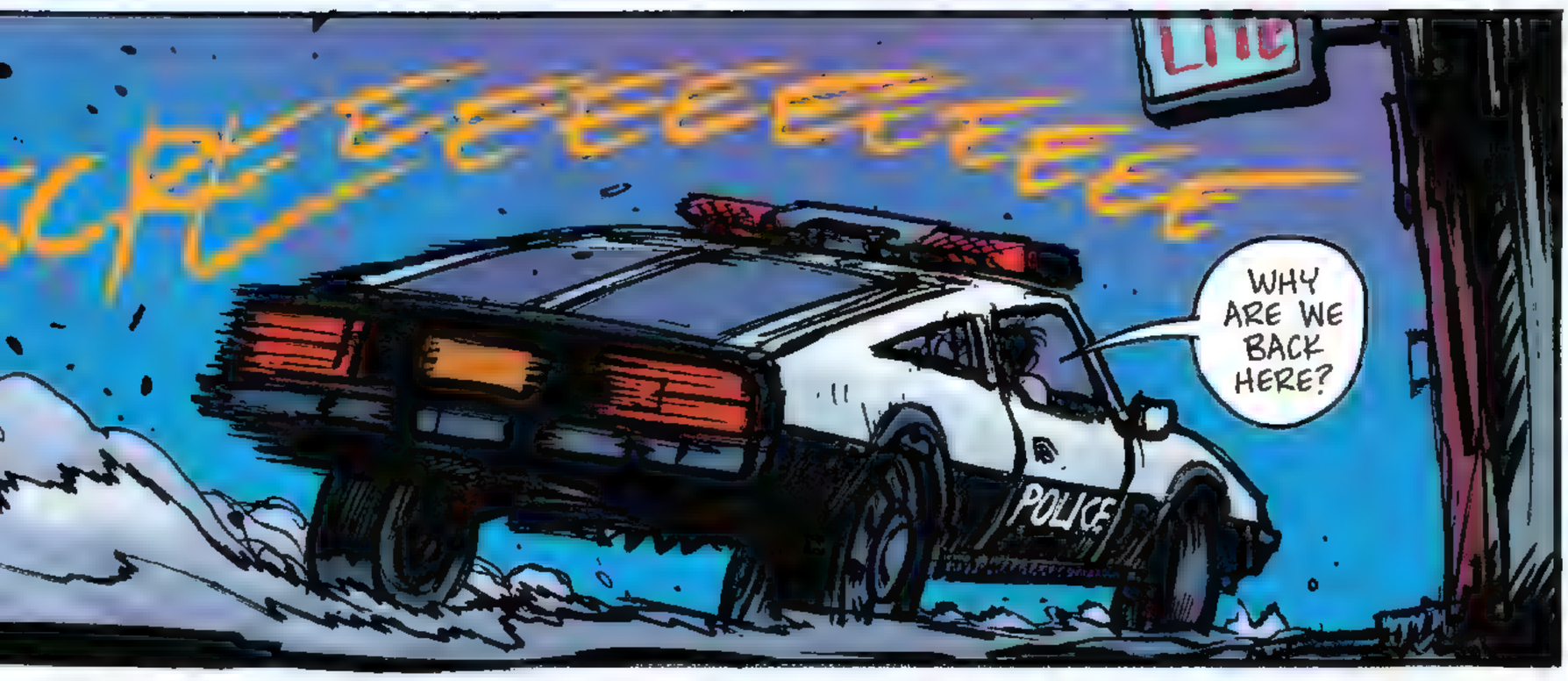
MR. WITWICKY, STOP!
SMASH
OW!
I GOT YOU, COME ON!
BUT--
CARLY, LET'S GO!

I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT WOULD BE FIXED BY NOW!
WE HAVE ALL THE ENERGON WE NEED, BUT THE RAW MATERIALS OF THIS WORLD ARE STILL LACKING IN ORDER TO BRING CYBERTRONIAN TECHNOLOGY TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT.
AGHHH! WHAT ABOUT THE METALS FROM THE PLANT? WE TOOK SO MUCH BACK WITH US!

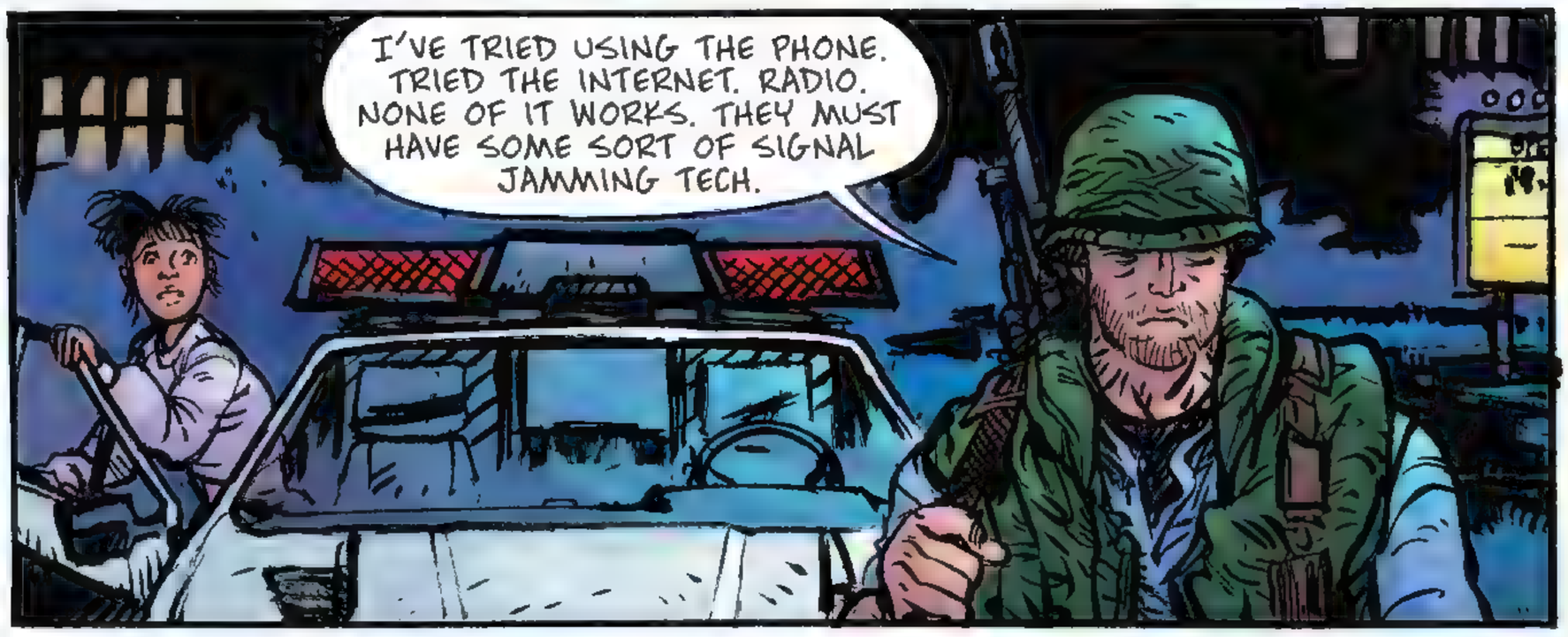

THEY DO NOT HAVE THE ADVANCED COMPOUND STRUCTURE NEEDED TO FIX TELETRAAN 1.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OTHER MATERIALS ON THIS PLANET COME CLOSE, BUT WE HAVE NOT SOUGHT THEM OUT.


I TOLD YOU! DO! NOT! SAY! HIS! NAME!
BEEP BEEP BEEP

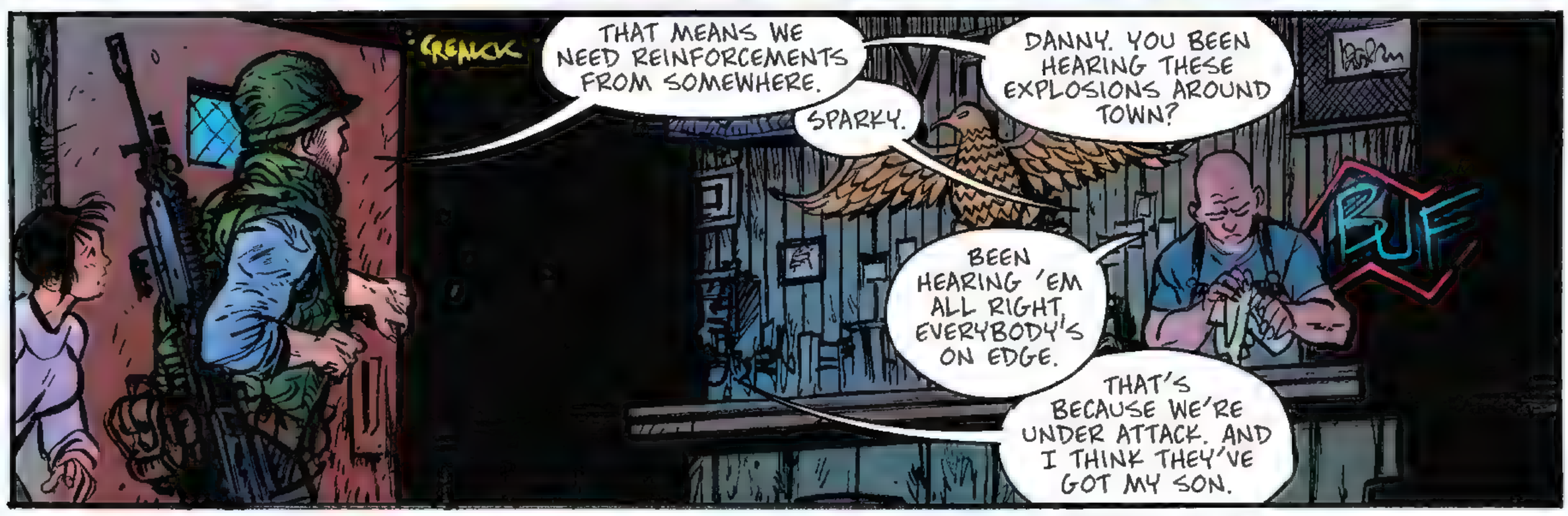
WHAT IS IT?
A PRIORITY MESSAGE FROM LASERBEAK. HE'S FOUND AN AUTOBOT.
SKYWARP!
WHAT NOW?
I'M BUSY! DEAL WITH THIS!


WHY ARE WE BACK HERE?
POLICE

GUAK


I'VE TRIED USING THE PHONE. TRIED THE INTERNET. RADIO. NONE OF IT WORKS. THEY MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF SIGNAL JAMMING TECH.

WE'RE TOTALLY CUT OFF.


CREAKK
THAT MEANS WE NEED REINFORCEMENTS FROM SOMEWHERE.
SPARKY.
DANNY. YOU BEEN HEARING THESE EXPLOSIONS AROUND TOWN?
BEEN HEARING 'EM ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY'S ON EDGE.
THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE UNDER ATTACK. AND I THINK THEY'VE GOT MY SON.

WAY AHEAD OF YOU, BROTHER.
I TOLD YOU GUYS! METAL MEN! BIG METAL MEN!

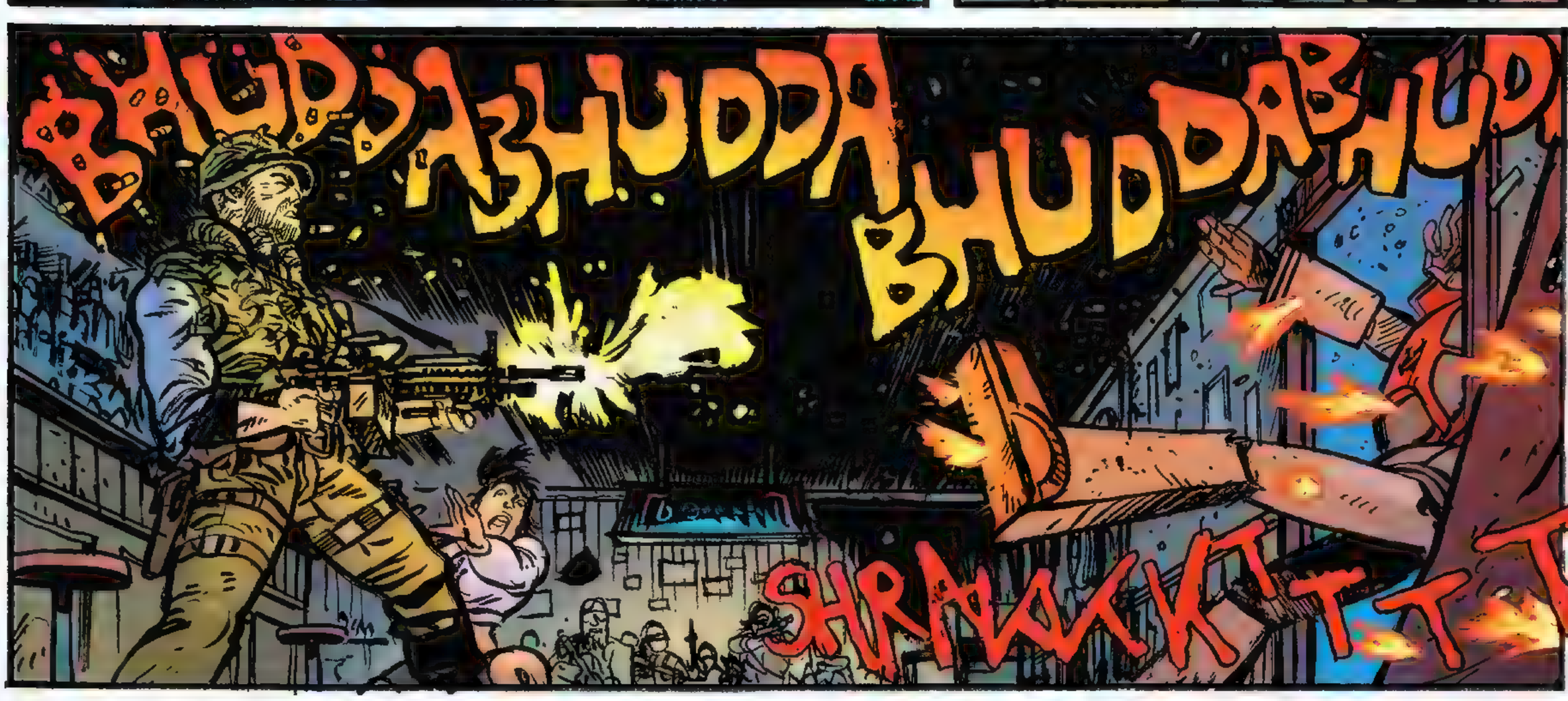
MR. WITWIC-- SPARKY, I... I DON'T THINK THEY'RE ALL BAD.
CARLY, LISTEN TO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. THEY KILLED YOUR DAD.

BUT SPIKE AND I RAN INTO ONES THAT SEEMED TO WANT TO FIGHT FOR SOMETHING GOOD.
I'VE BEEN IN WAR, CARLY.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHOSE TEAM THEY'RE ON, OR WHAT GLORIOUS CAUSE THEY FIGHT FOR. WHEN THE SHOOTING STARTS, PEOPLE DIE.

I THINK WE MAY HAVE GOTTEN OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT.
TOOK ME A WHILE TO DEAL WITH BIRDIE. BUT I PROMISE, I'M A GOOD GU--

EVERYBODY DOWN!


BHUDDA BHUDDA BHUDDA
SHRAKKKTTTT

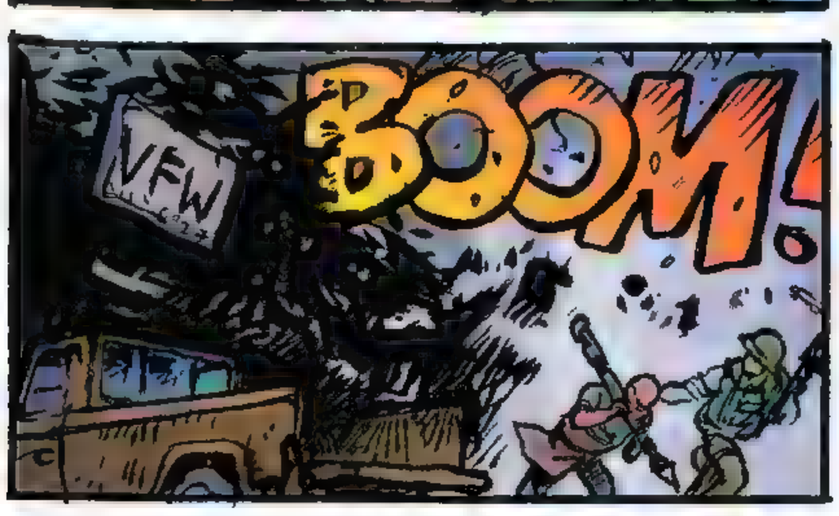
0927
BAR
WHAT THE HECK?! AGAIN??
PLEASE STOP! I KNOW HIM!

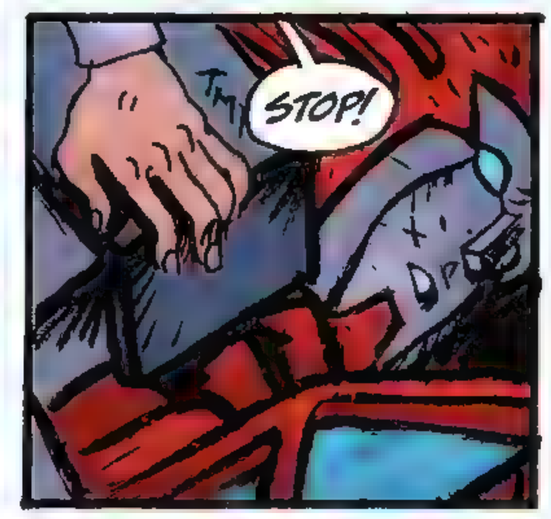
THANKS FOR STARTING THE JOB FOR US!

THE RED GUY CALLED IN REINFORCEMENTS!
BLIP
GET 'EM!
POM POM POM
HEH. TICKLES.
ping
OPTIMUS, LOOK! DOWNTOWN! IT'S--
A DECEPTICON!
HANG ON, SPIKE!
DAP

DAMN, STARSCREAM WAS RIGHT! THIS IS A BLAST!

WE'RE GONNA NEED SOME HEAVIER WEAPONRY! COME WITH ME!

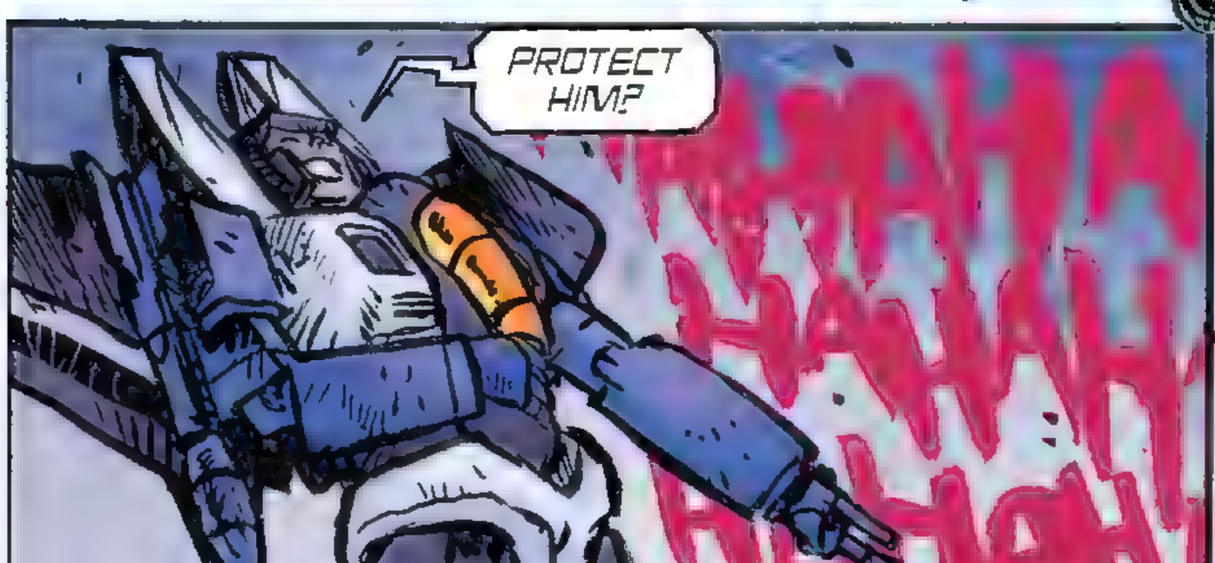


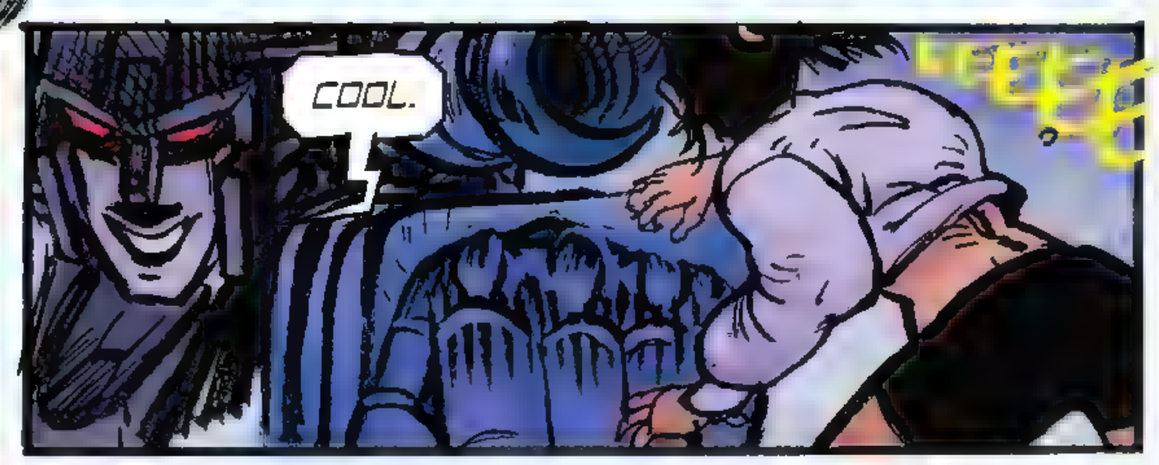


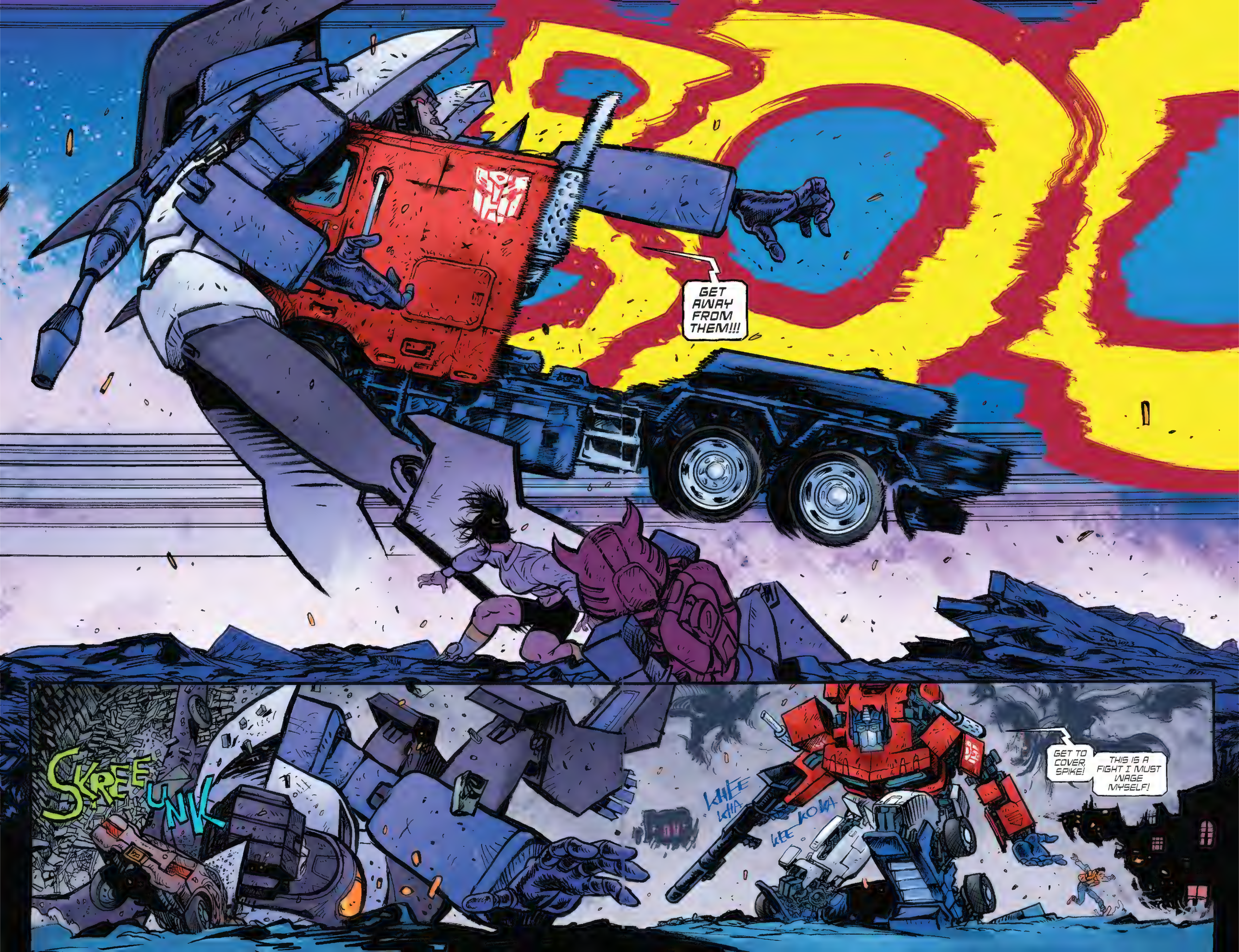
PLEASE! DON'T DO IT!

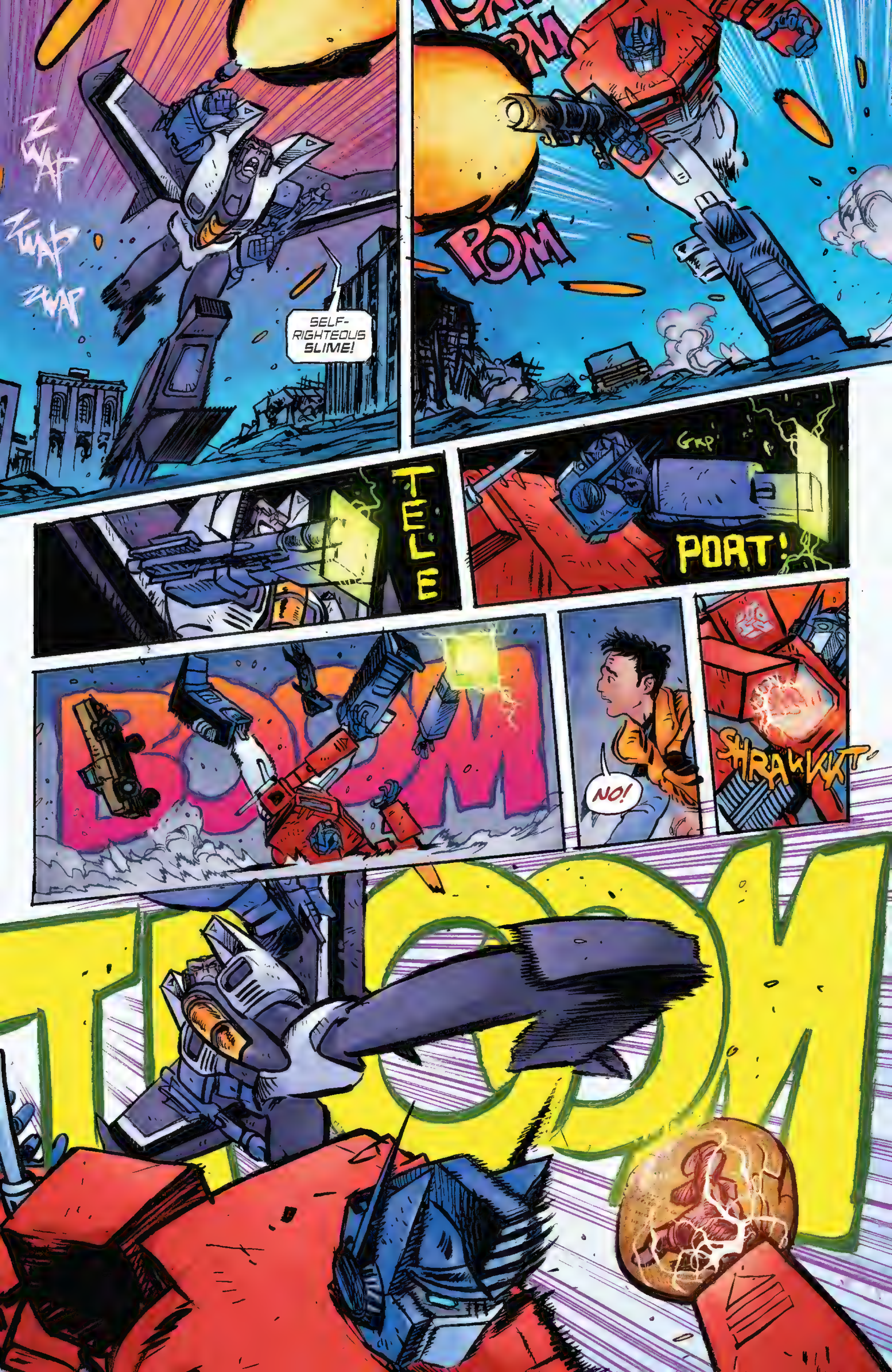
CARLY, GET OUTTA HERE!!

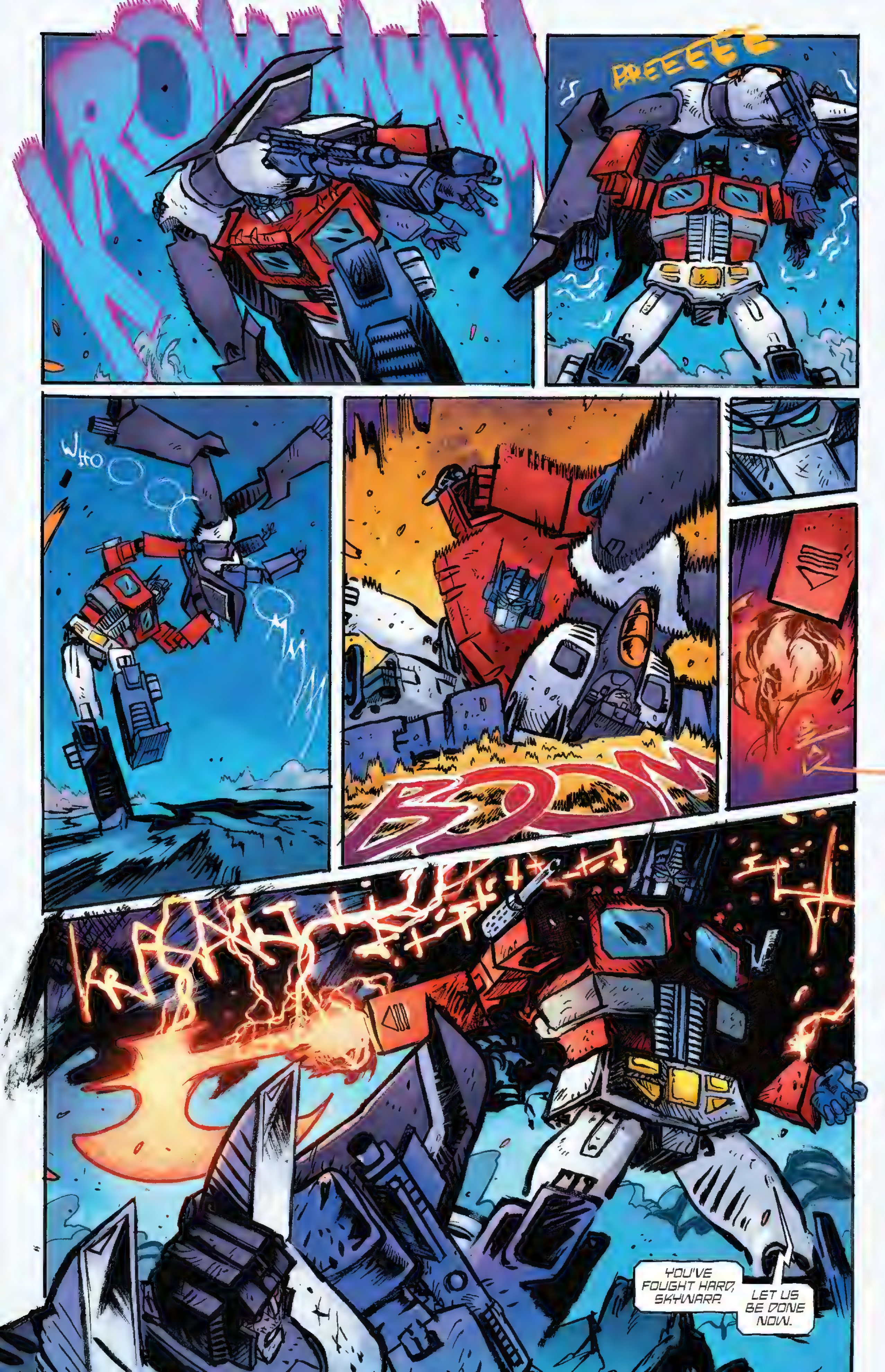
WAIT-- ARE YOU TRYING TO...






GET AWAY FROM THEM!!!
SKREEUNK
KHEE KHA
KEE KOWA
GET TO COVER, SPIKE!
THIS IS A FIGHT I MUST WAGE MYSELF!


ZWAP
ZWAP
ZWAP
SELF-RIGHTEOUS SLIME!
POM
TELE
GRP!
PORT!
BOOM
NO!
SHRAKKKT
BOOM

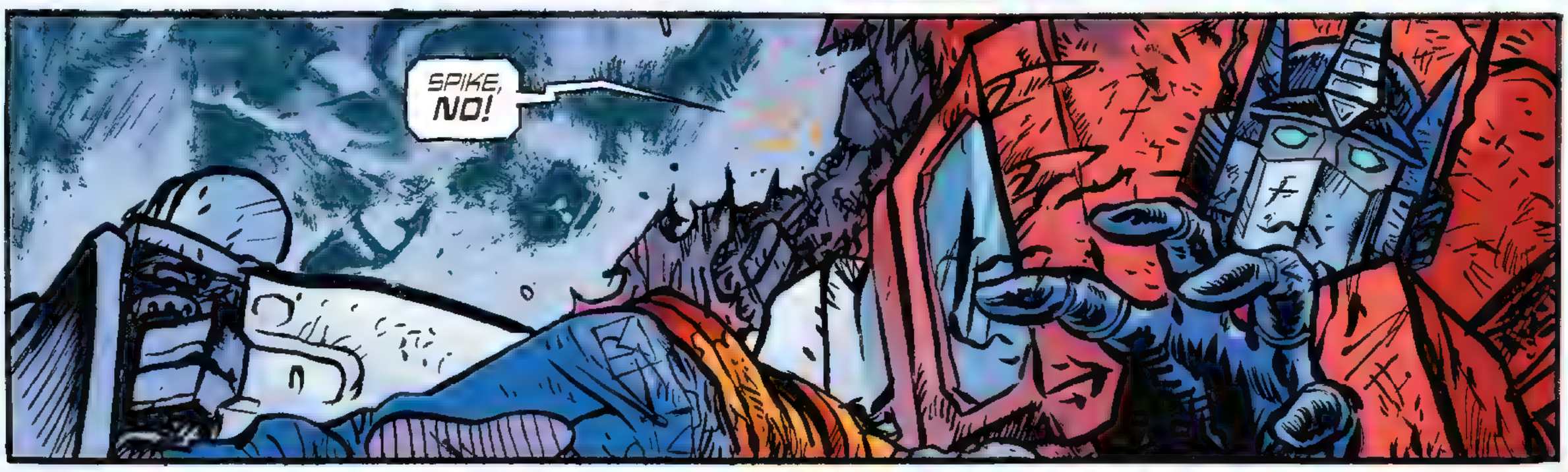

PAREEEEE
WHO
BOOM
YOU'VE FOUGHT HARD, SKYWARP.
LET US BE DONE NOW.

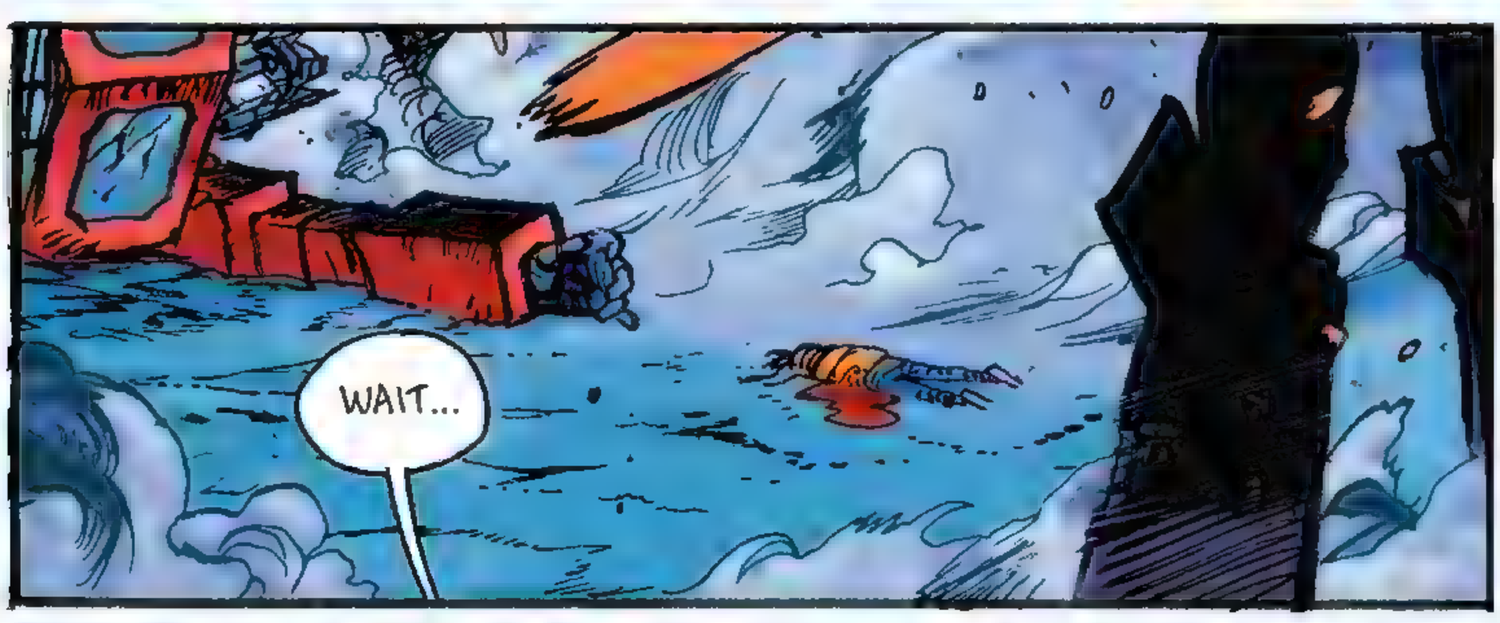
NOW!
AGH!
AGHHH!
OPTIMUS!!!
BY THE SOUL OF THE FALLEN! THEY'RE NOT JUST WEAK! THEY'RE STUPID!
JUST LIKE YOU.

OPTIMUS, HANG ON!

POUR IT ON! BOTH OF 'EM!

SPAK

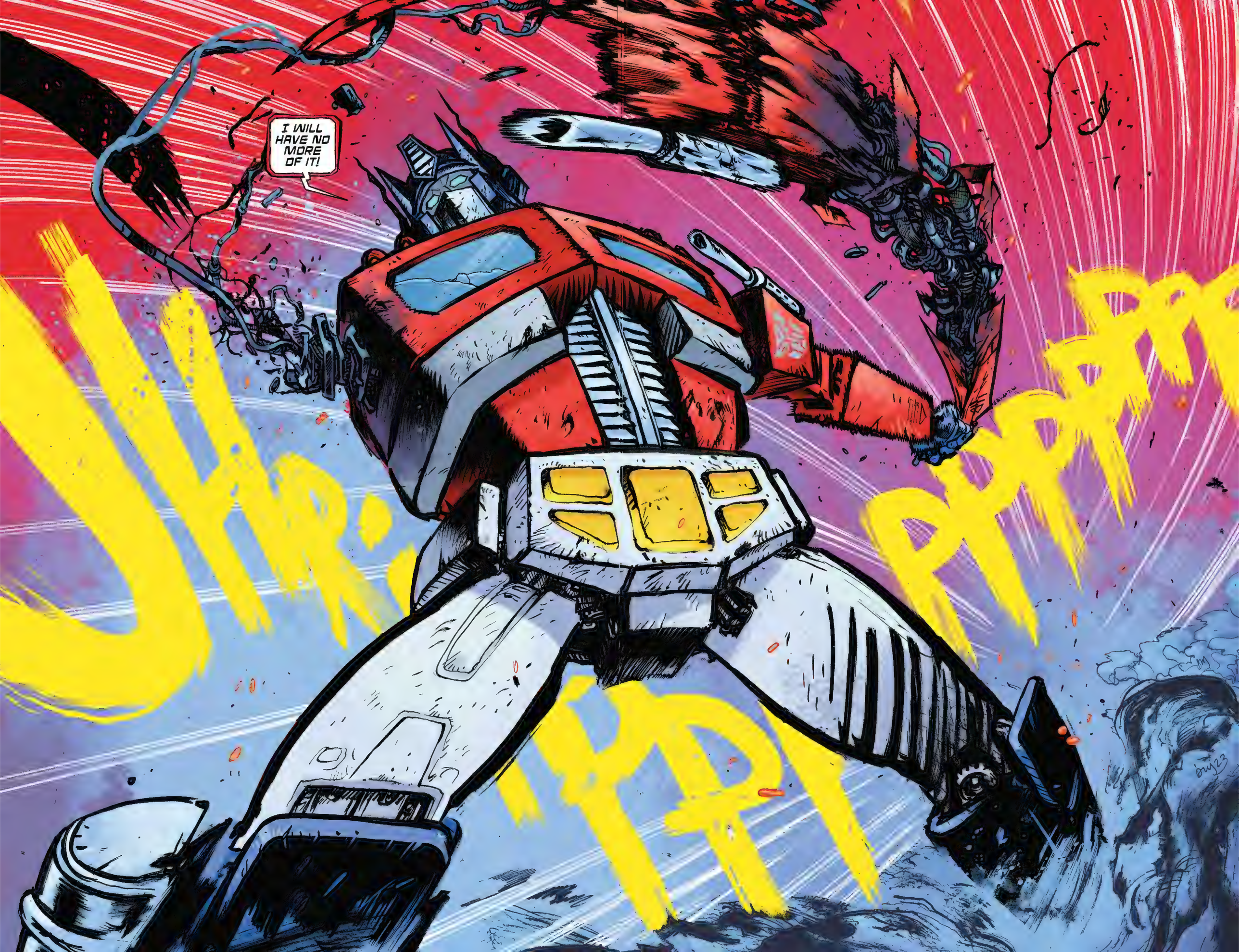

SPIKE, NO!


WAIT...

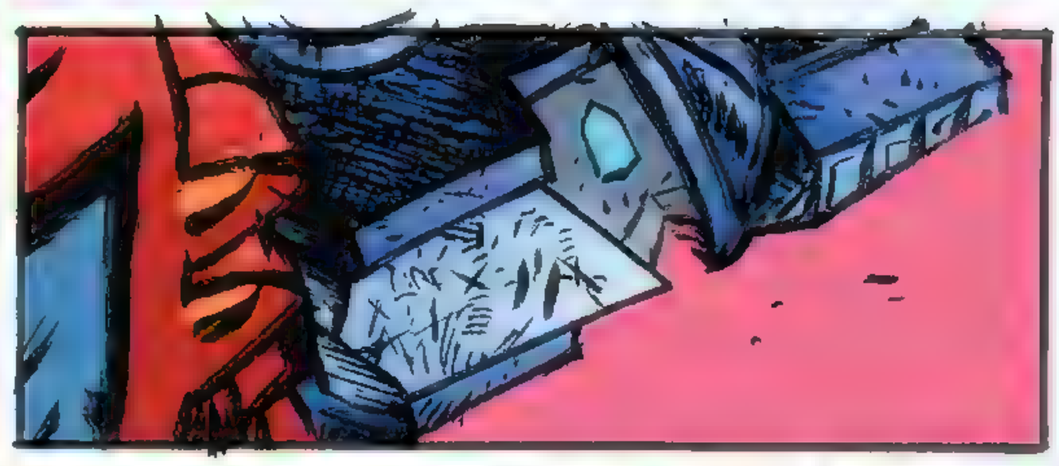
SPIKE?

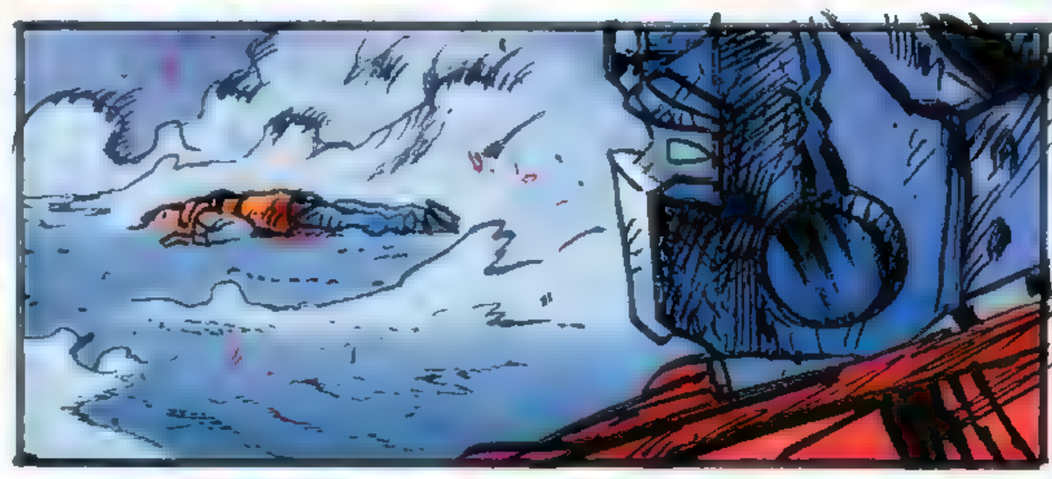
HOLD YOUR FIRE! HOLD YOUR FIRE!
SPARKY, WHAT--?

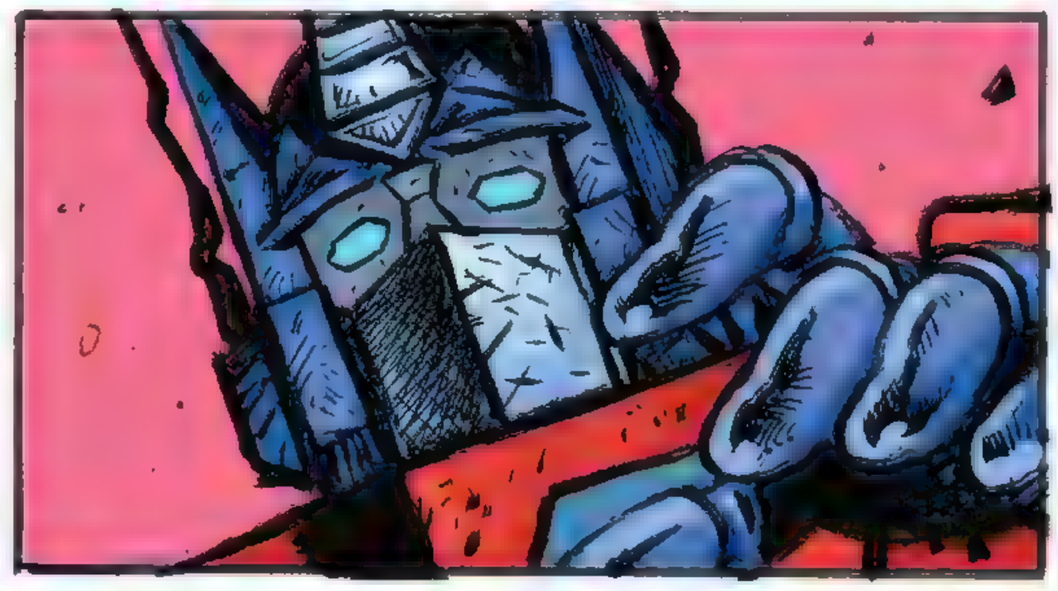
FIRST HIM. THEN Y--
GRAHHHHHH
FUMP
YOUR KIND HAVE PLAYED WITH THIS PLANET ENOUGH.
GRPPP

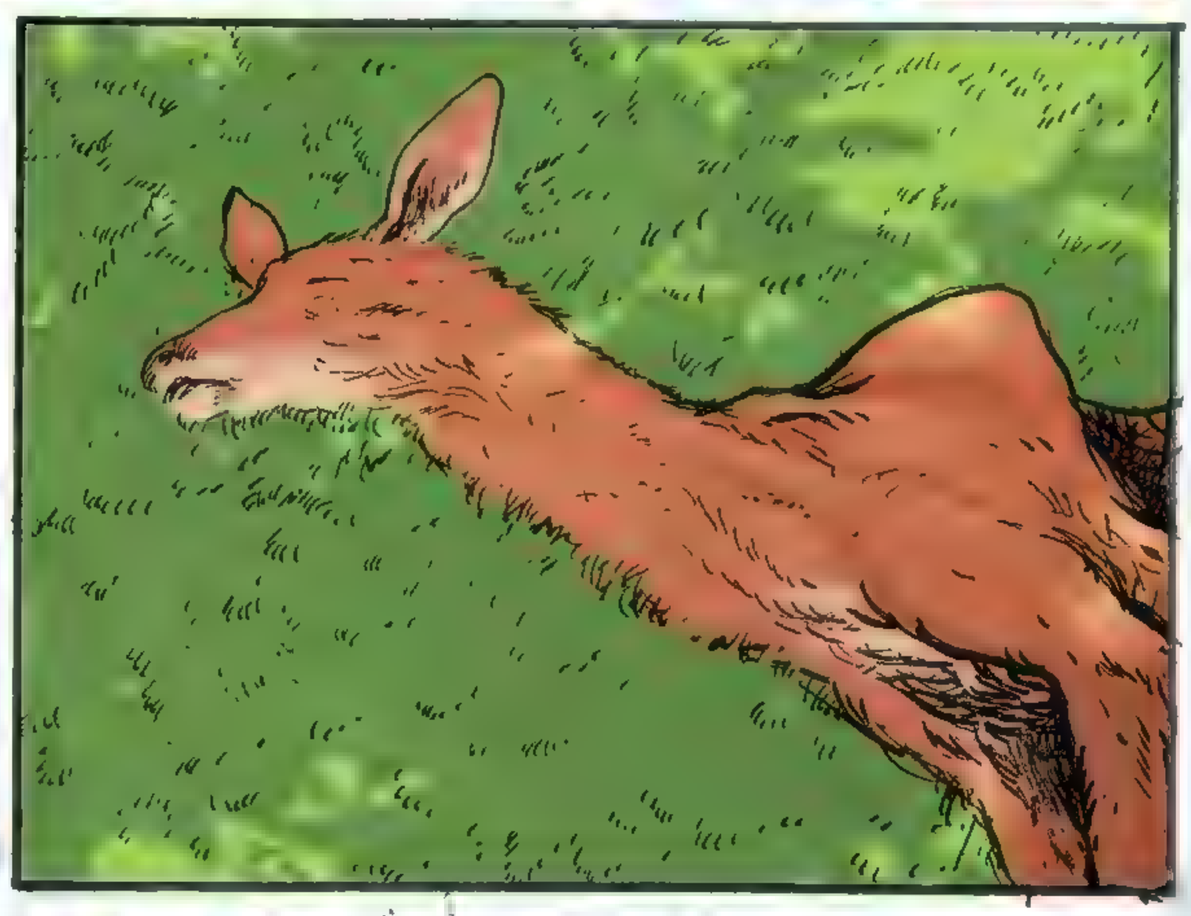

I WILL HAVE NO MORE OF IT!
SKR-RT
RT
RT

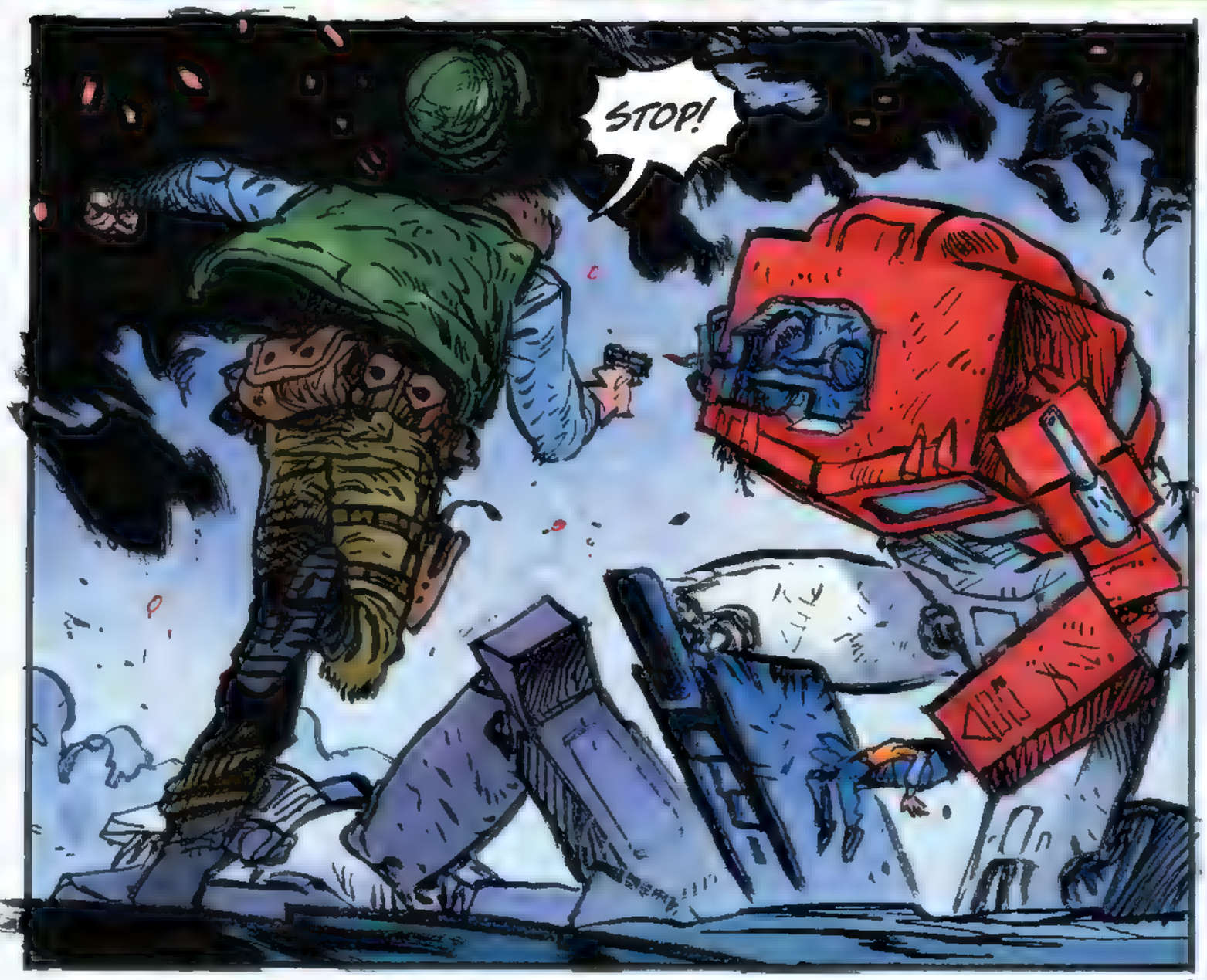
ZWAP ZWAPZWAPZWAP
HKKK--





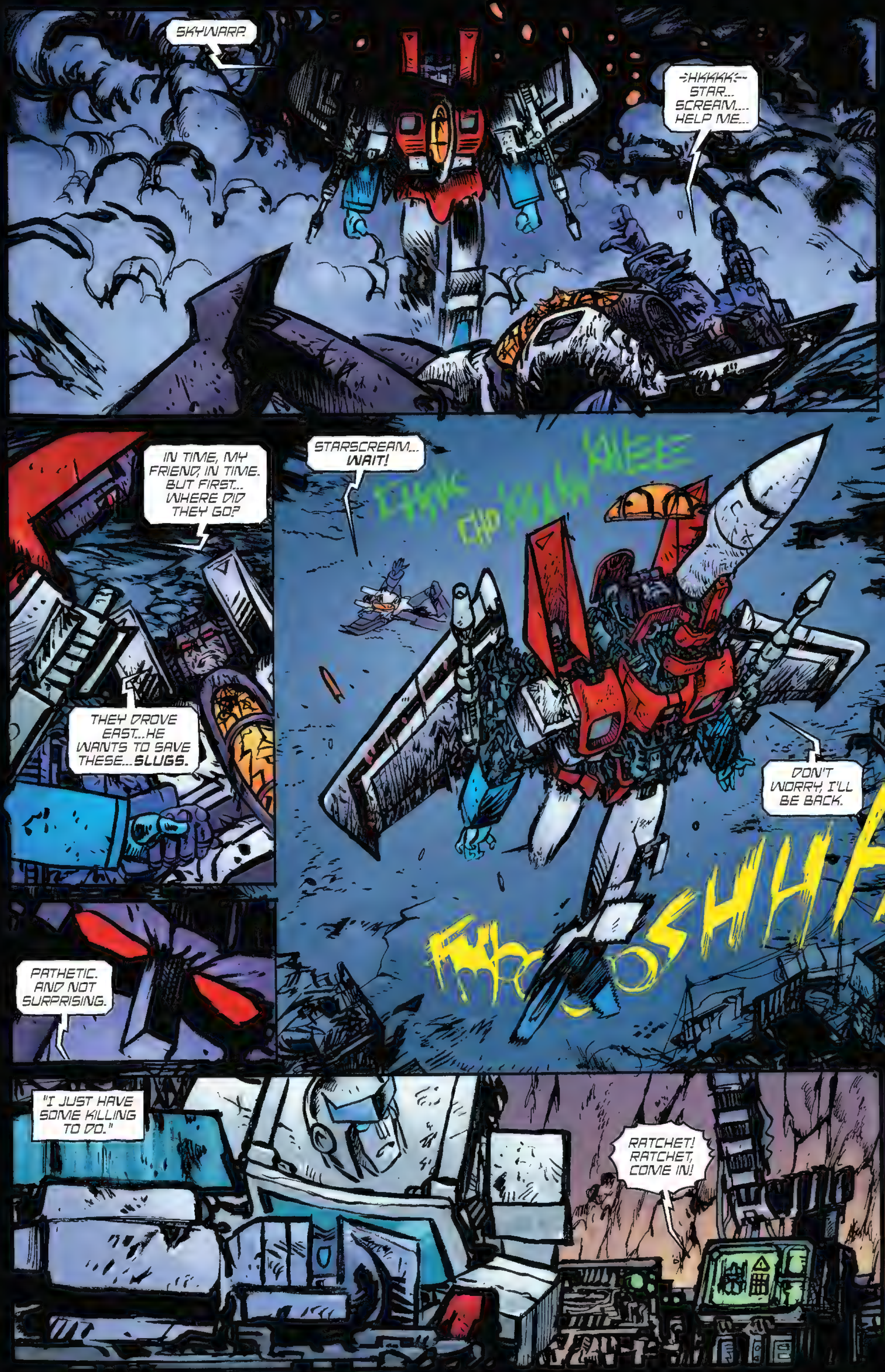


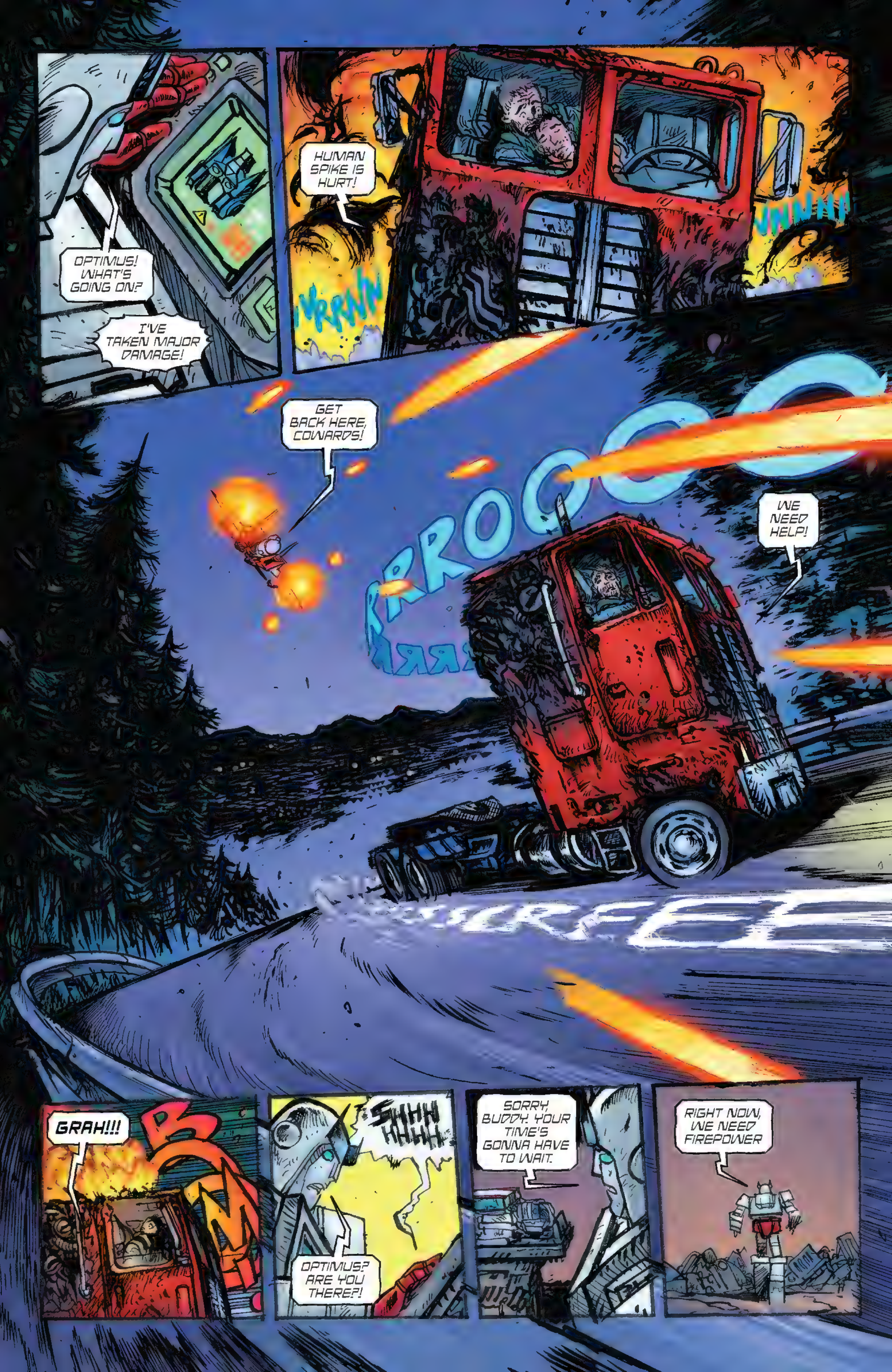


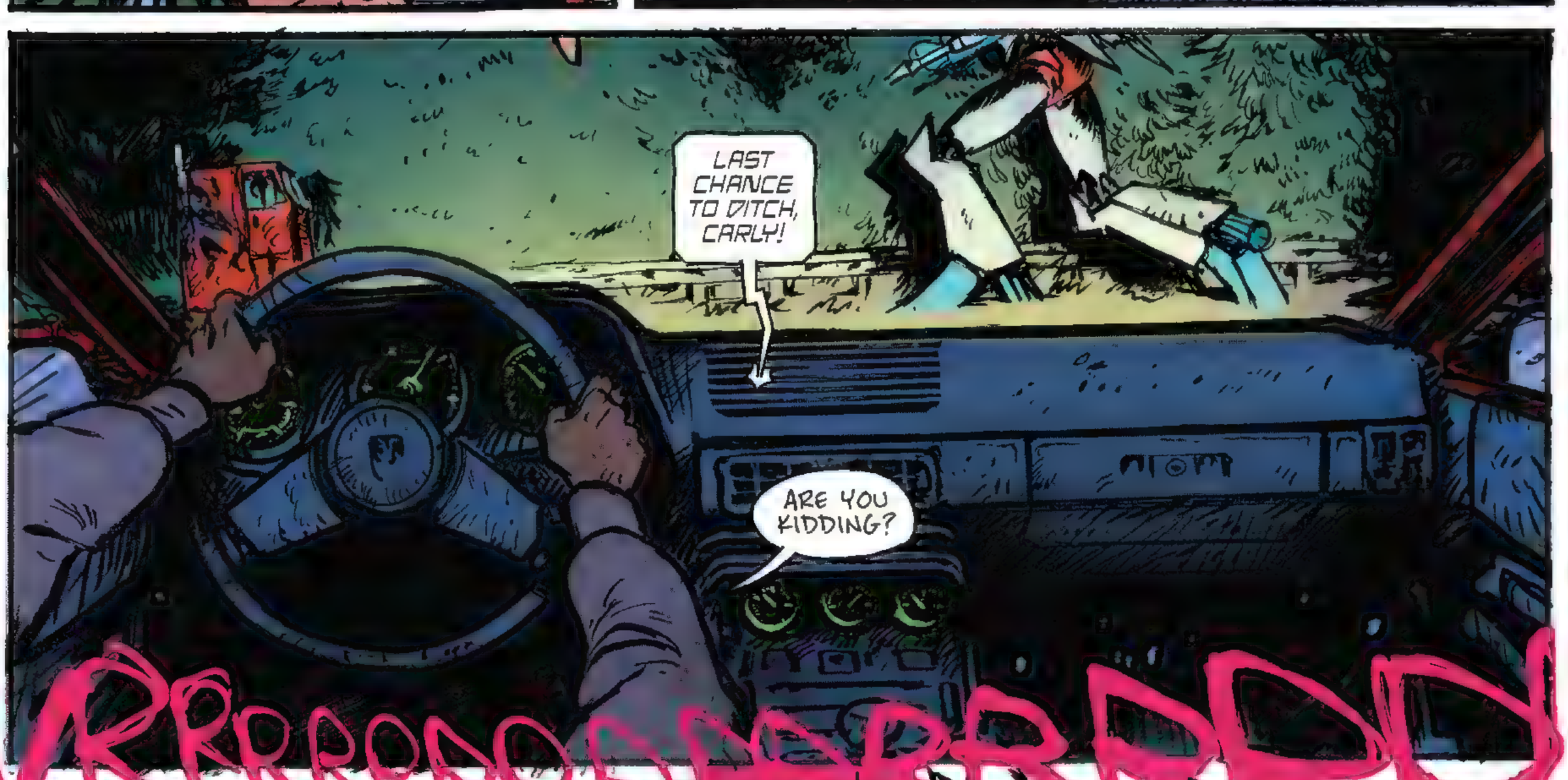

STOP!

DON'T YOU TOUCH HIM!
DON'T YOU TOUCH MY SON!

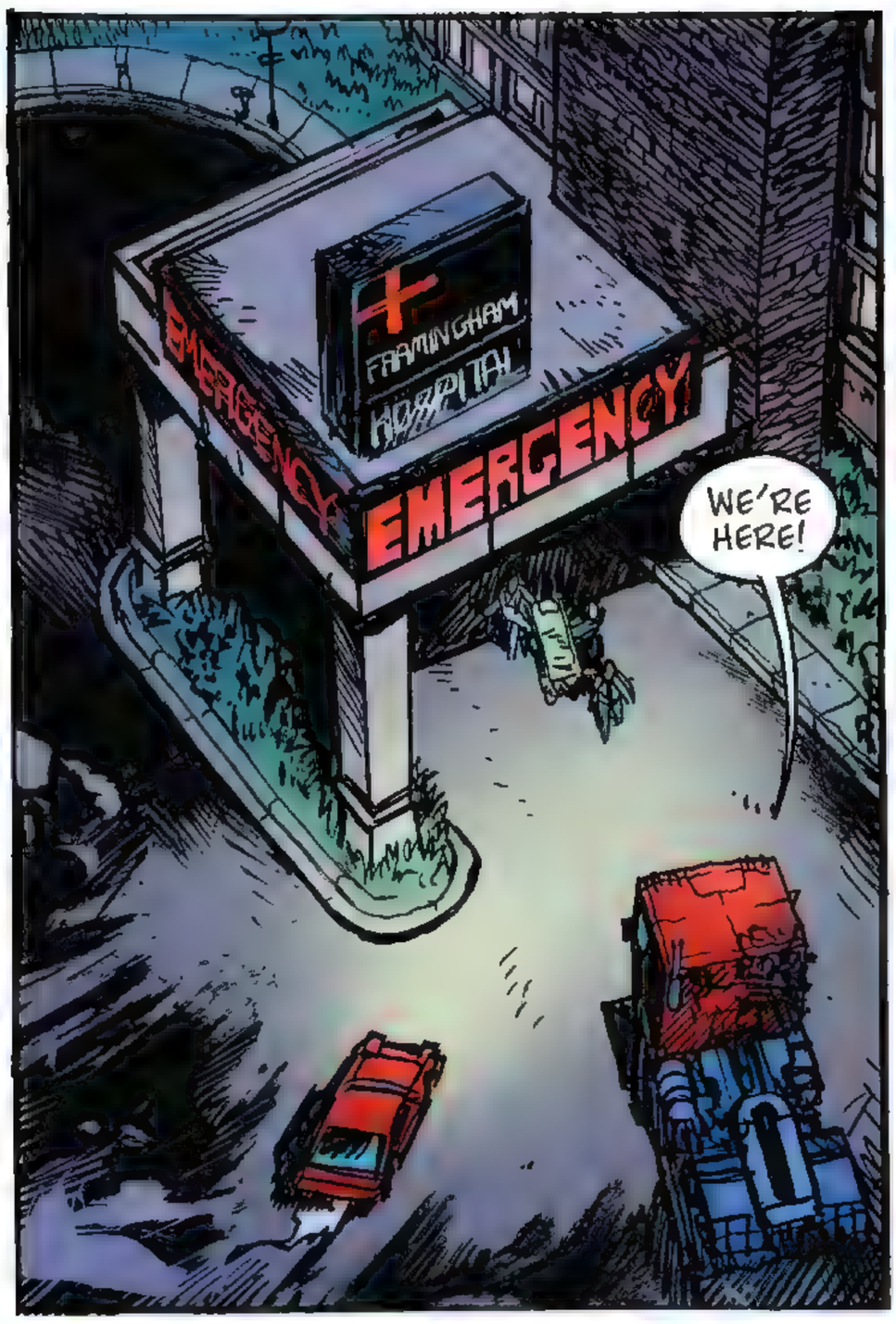
KHA KO KHA
COME WITH ME.
I'M GOING TO SAVE YOUR BOY.

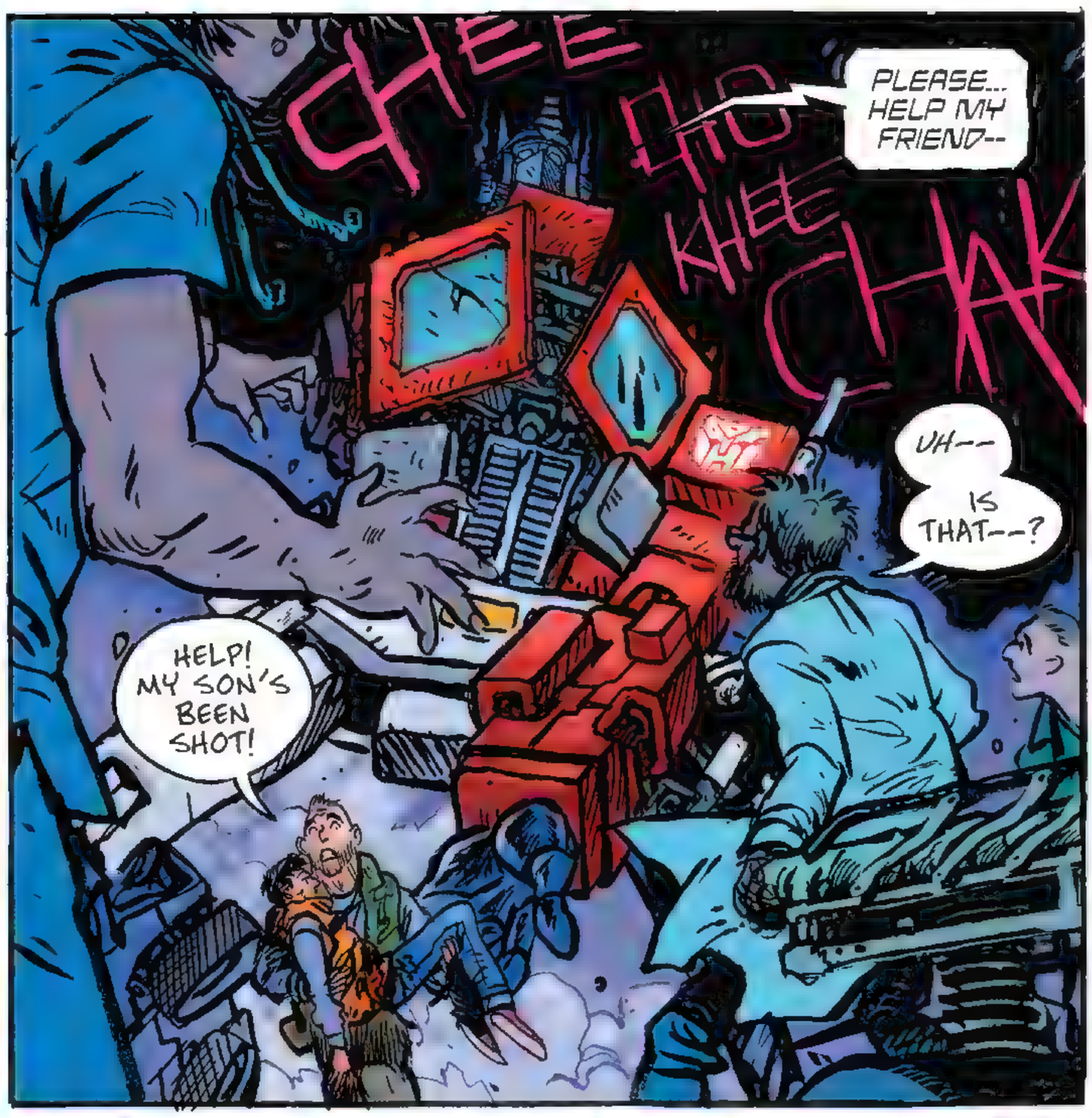

SKYWARP.
-SHKKKK-- STAR... SCREAM.... HELP ME...
IN TIME, MY FRIEND, IN TIME. BUT FIRST... WHERE DID THEY GO?
STARSCREAM... WAIT!
THEY DROVE EAST...HE WANTS TO SAVE THESE...SLUGS.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE BACK.
PATHETIC. AND NOT SURPRISING.
"I JUST HAVE SOME KILLING TO DO."
RATCHET! RATCHET, COME IN!

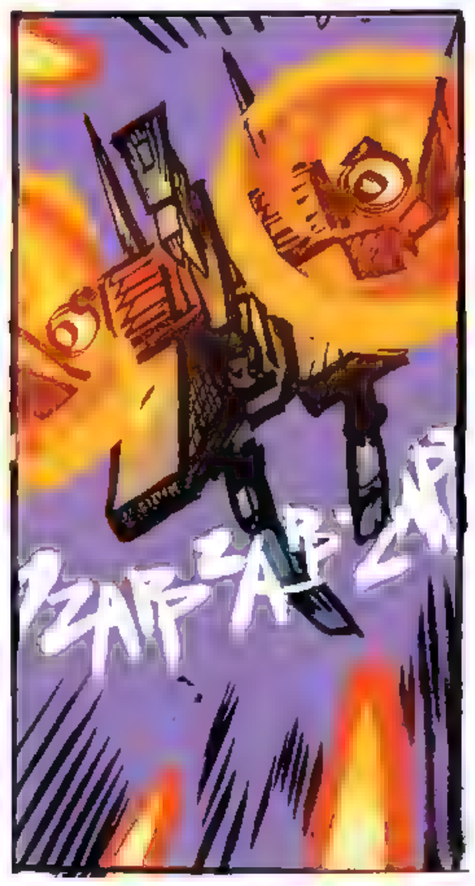

OPTIMUS! WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'VE TAKEN MAJOR DAMAGE!
HUMAN SPIKE IS HURT!
GET BACK HERE, COWARDS!
WE NEED HELP!
GRAH!!!
OPTIMUS? ARE YOU THERE?!
SORRY, BUDDY. YOUR TIME'S GONNA HAVE TO WAIT.
RIGHT NOW, WE NEED FIREPOWER


LAST CHANCE TO DITCH, CARLY!
ARE YOU KIDDING?
VRRR

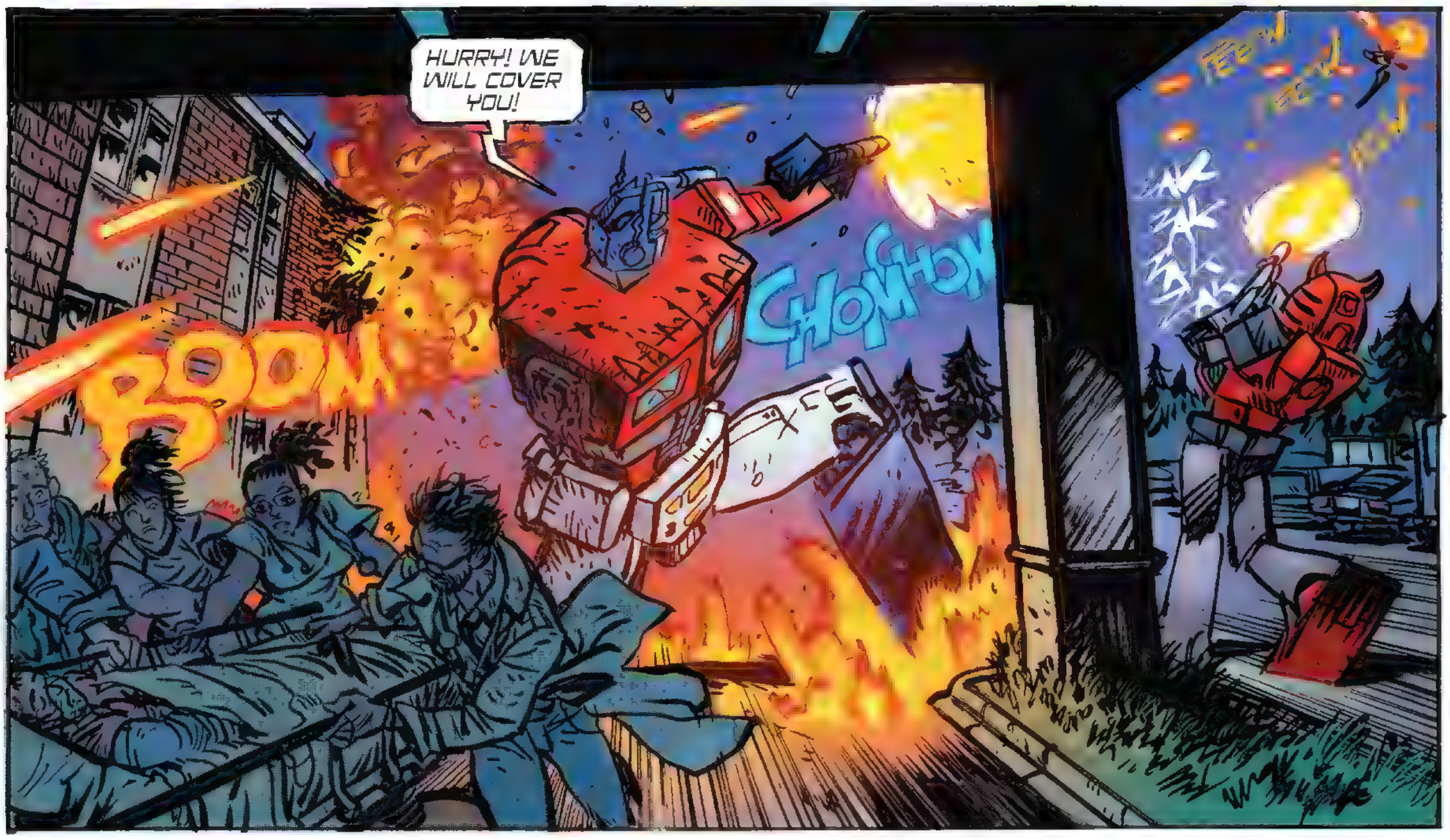
CREEEE
AGH!
!
THANK YOU, CLIFFJUMPER!
GAHHH!!
ANYTHING FOR MY FEARLESS LEADER! NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
SOUNDWAVE! SEND BACKUP! NOW!

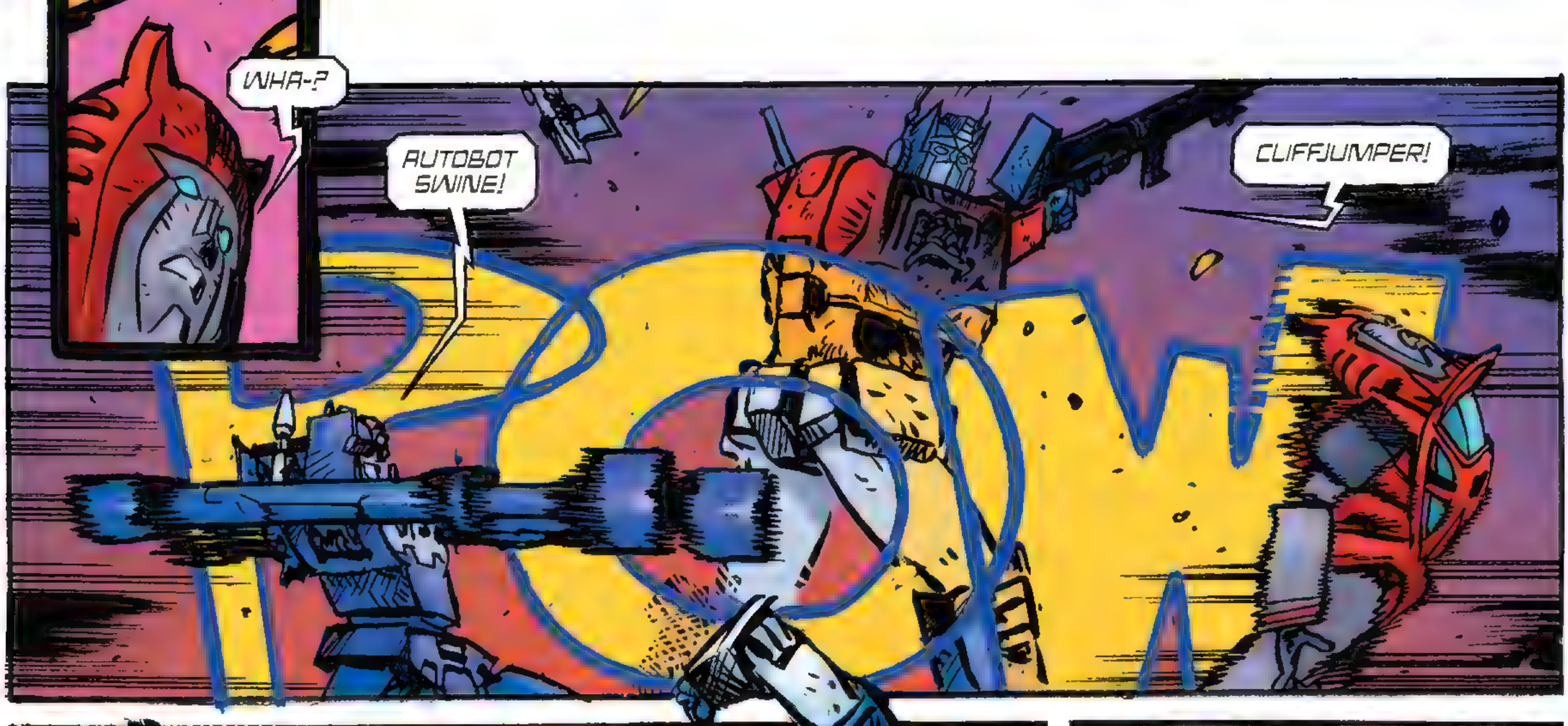

FRAMINGHAM HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY
EMERGENCY
WE'RE HERE!

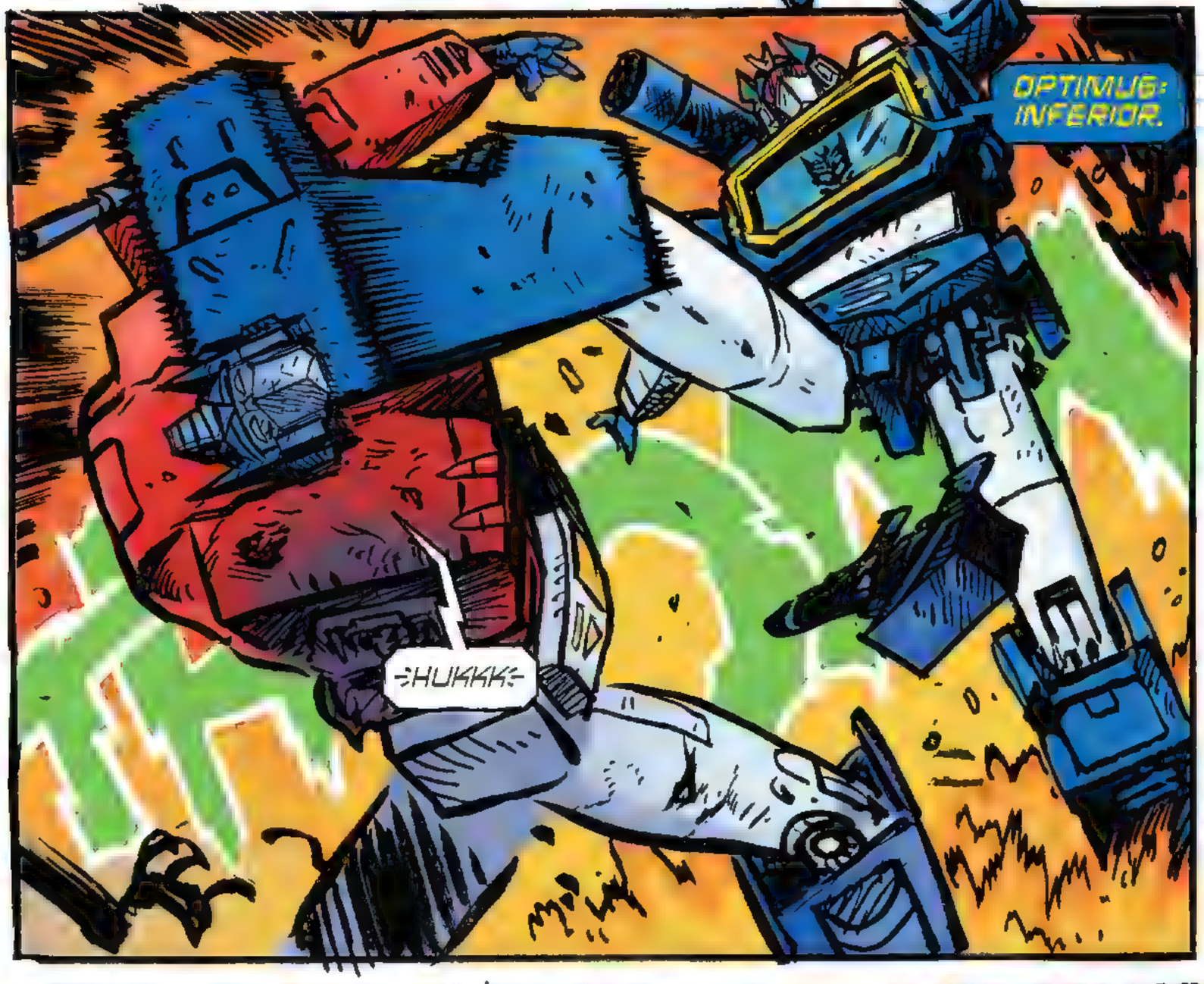

CHEE
HO
KHEE
CHAK
PLEASE... HELP MY FRIEND--
UH-- IS THAT--?
HELP! MY SON'S BEEN SHOT!

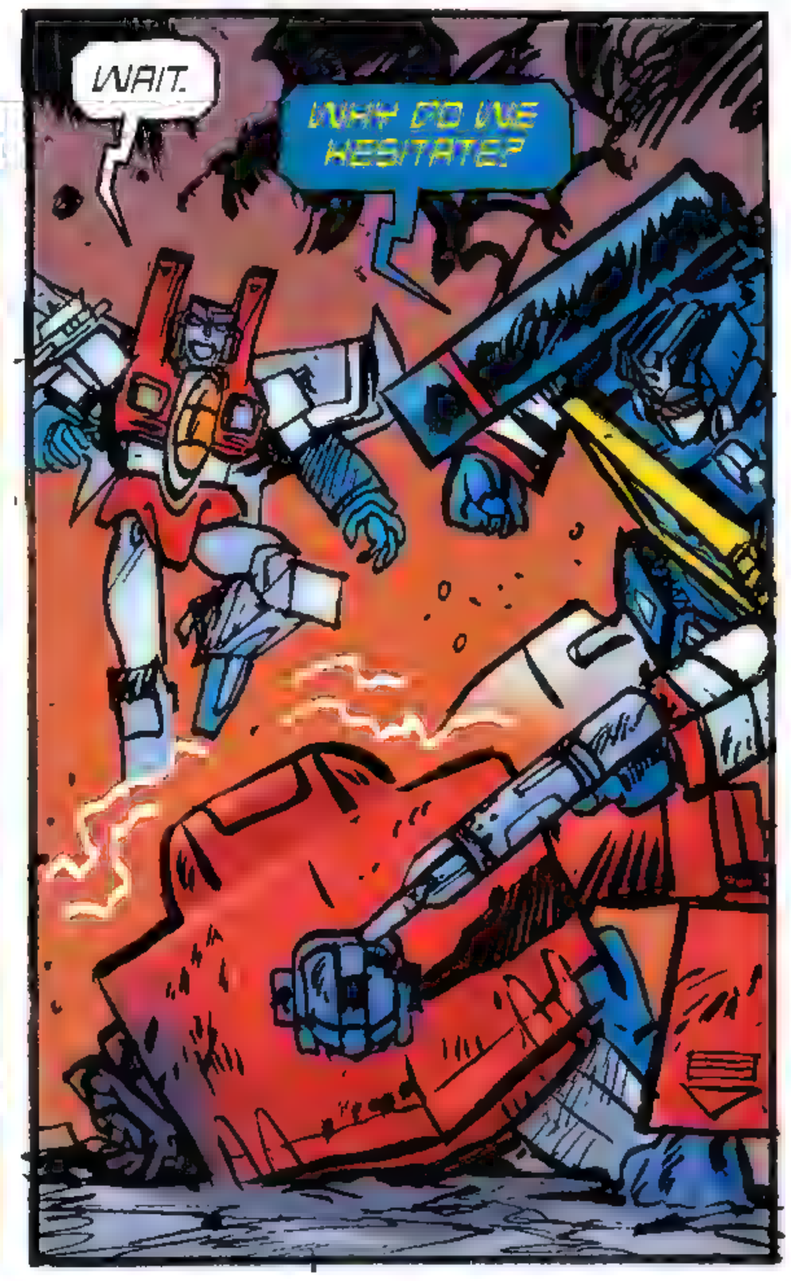

ZAP ZAP ZAP

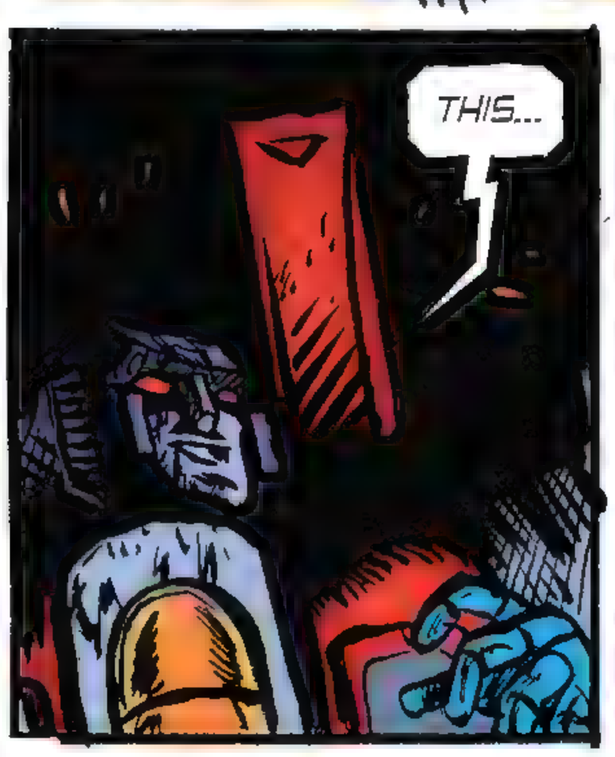
EMERGENCY
LOOK OUT!
GET HIM INSIDE!


HURRY! WE WILL COVER YOU!
BOOM
CHOMPCH
ZAK ZAK ZAK


WHA-?
AUTOBOT SWINE!
CLIFFJUMPER!


OPTIMUS: INFERIOR.
-SHUKKK-


WAIT.
WHY DO WE HESITATE?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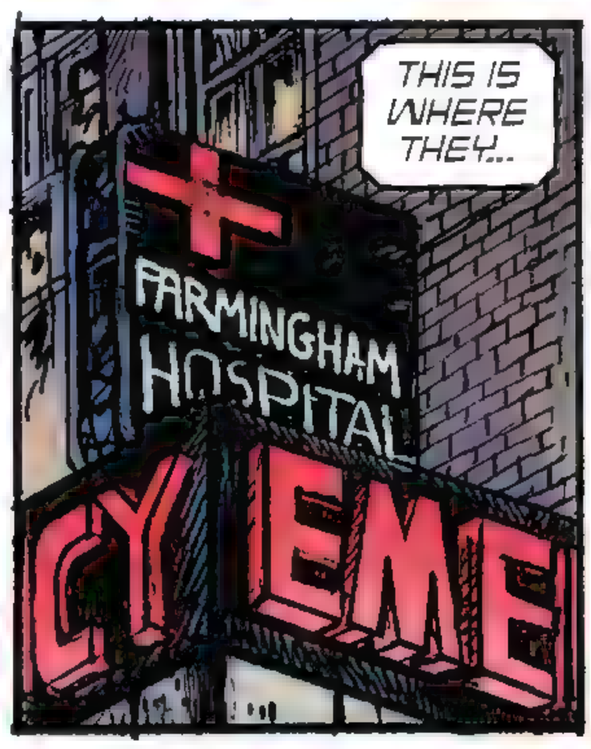
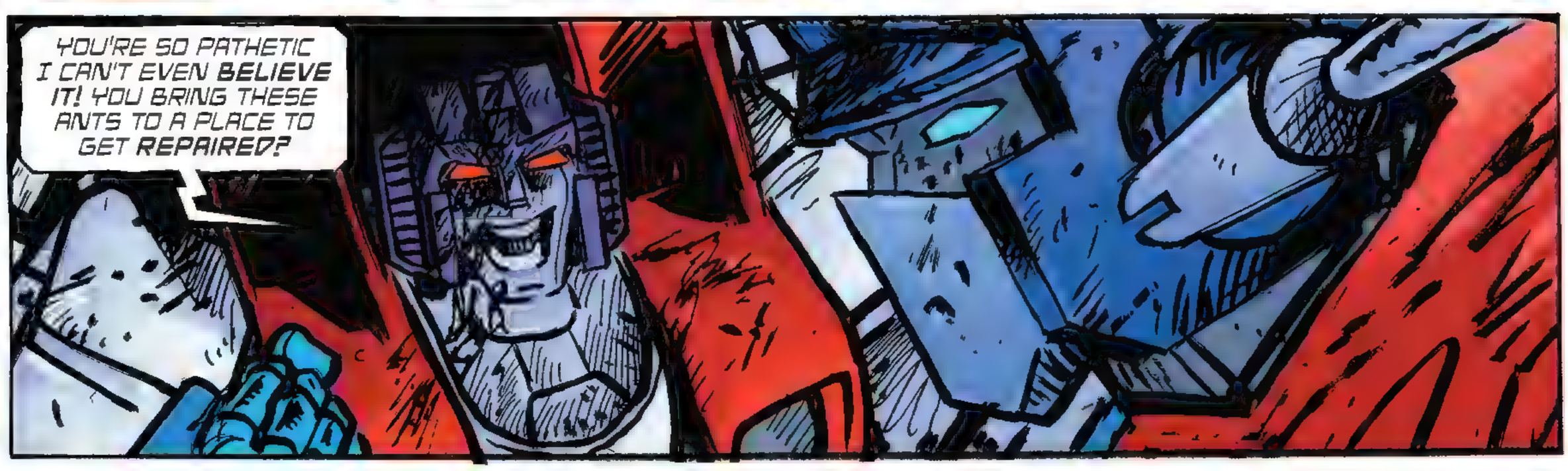
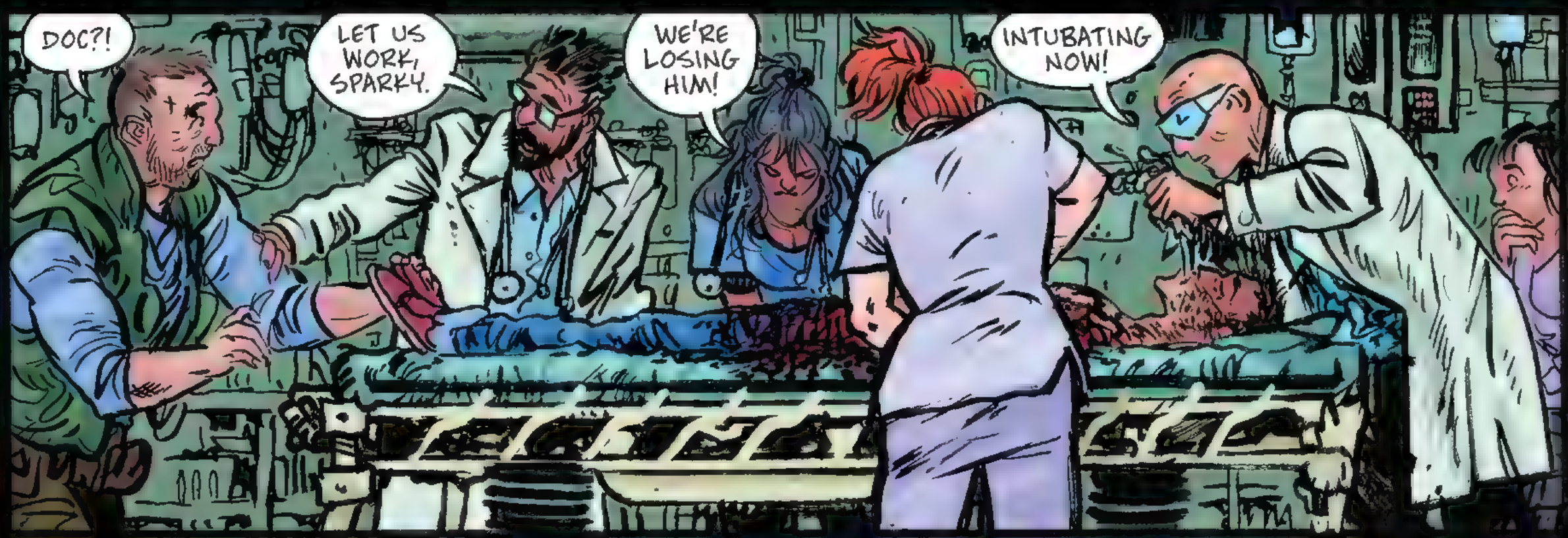

THIS IS WHERE THEY...
FARMINGHAM HOSPITAL
CY EME

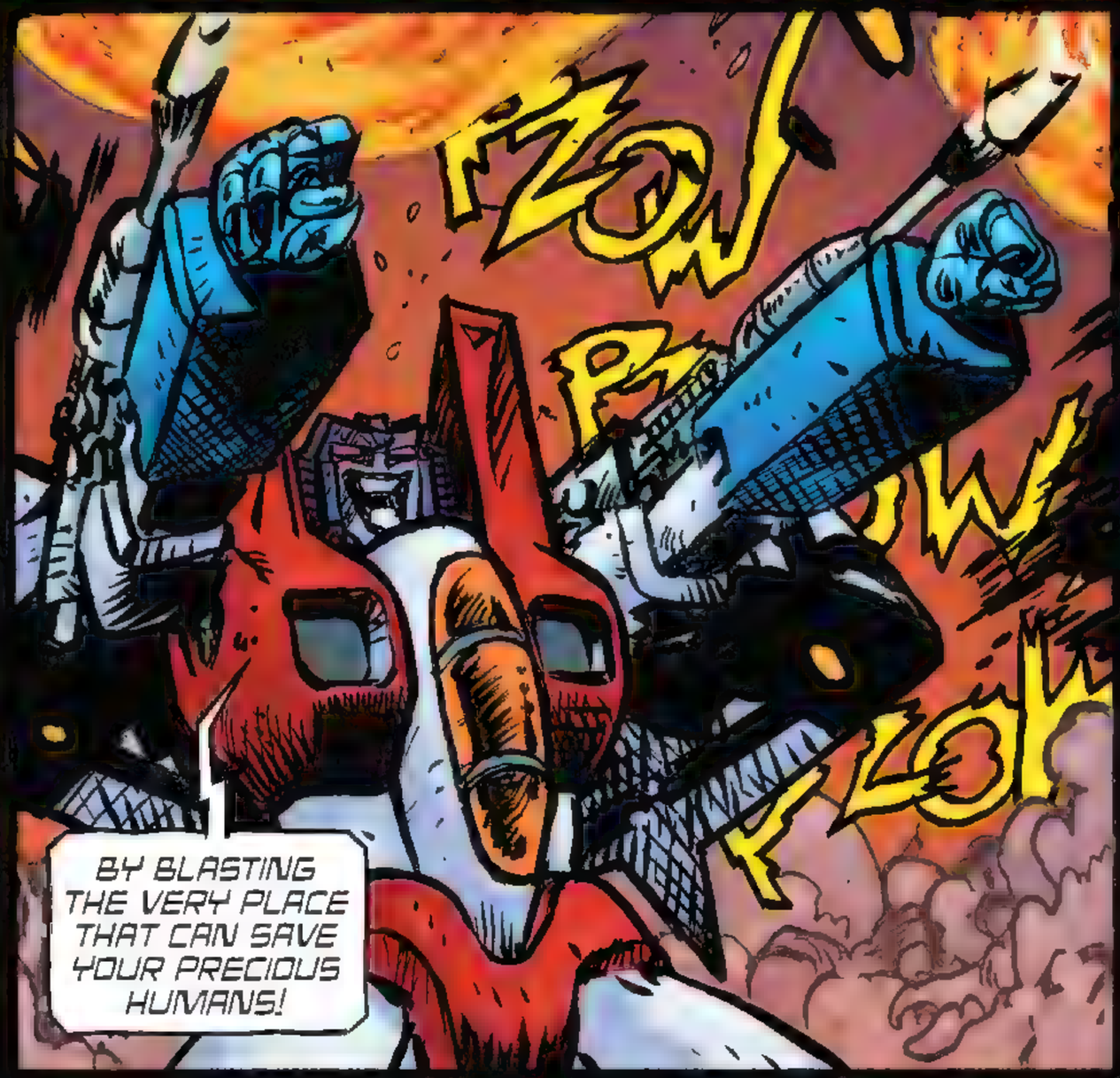
FIX THE SQUISHY ONES.

IS THAT RIGHT?


YOU'RE SO PATHETIC I CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE IT! YOU BRING THESE ANTS TO A PLACE TO GET REPAIRED?

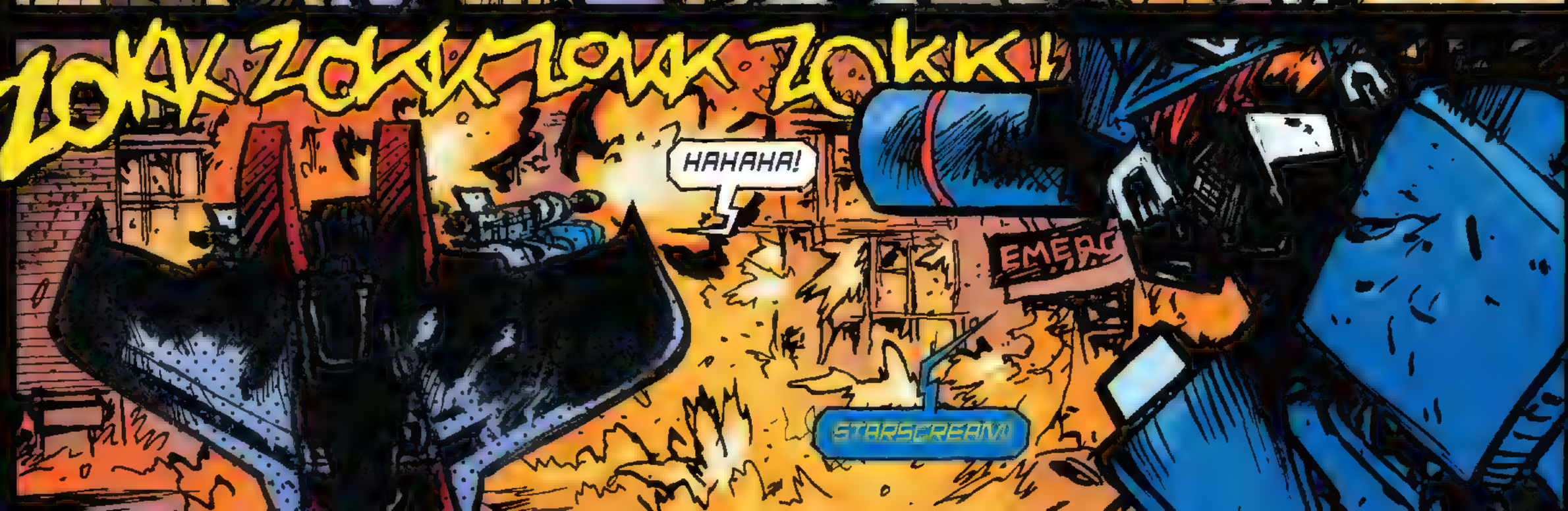

DOC?!
LET US WORK, SPARKY.
WE'RE LOSING HIM!
INTUBATING NOW!

I THINK, BEFORE YOU LEAVE US, WE SHOULD MAKE YOUR ENDING A LITTLE MORE PAINFUL!
NO...


ZOW
BY BLASTING THE VERY PLACE THAT CAN SAVE YOUR PRECIOUS HUMANS!

FARMING HOSP

WE JUST LOST POWER!
THE GENERATOR MUST'VE BEEN HIT!


ZOKK ZOKK ZOKK ZOKK!
HAHAHA!
STARSCREAM

AUTOBOTS INCOMING!
JAZZ! DO WHAT YOU DO BEST!
PFFFFFFFFFF
TIME TO CHANGE UP THIS TUNE, BABY!
ALL RIGHT!!!
GET HIM!

TWO!
FIVE!
OW!!
STARSC
ONE!!!

WHAT DO YOU SAY, DECEPTICONS?

SHALL WE FINISH IT?

CHK CHK

CHK

ZONK ZONK

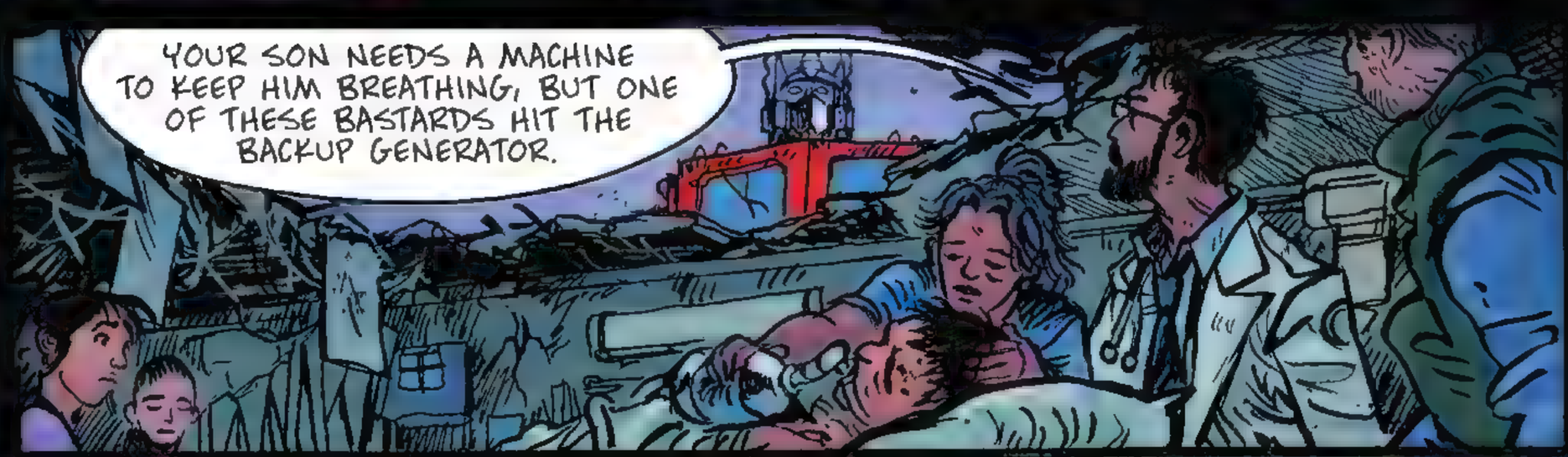
WE ARE OUTNUMBERED, SOUNDWAVE! RETREAT! RETREAT!

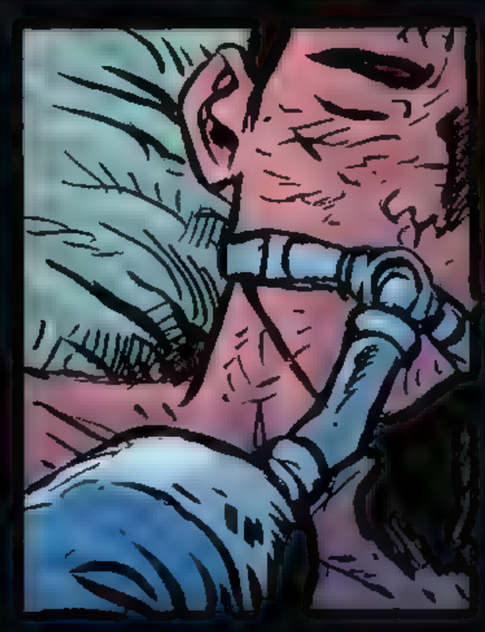
ZAKK ZAKK

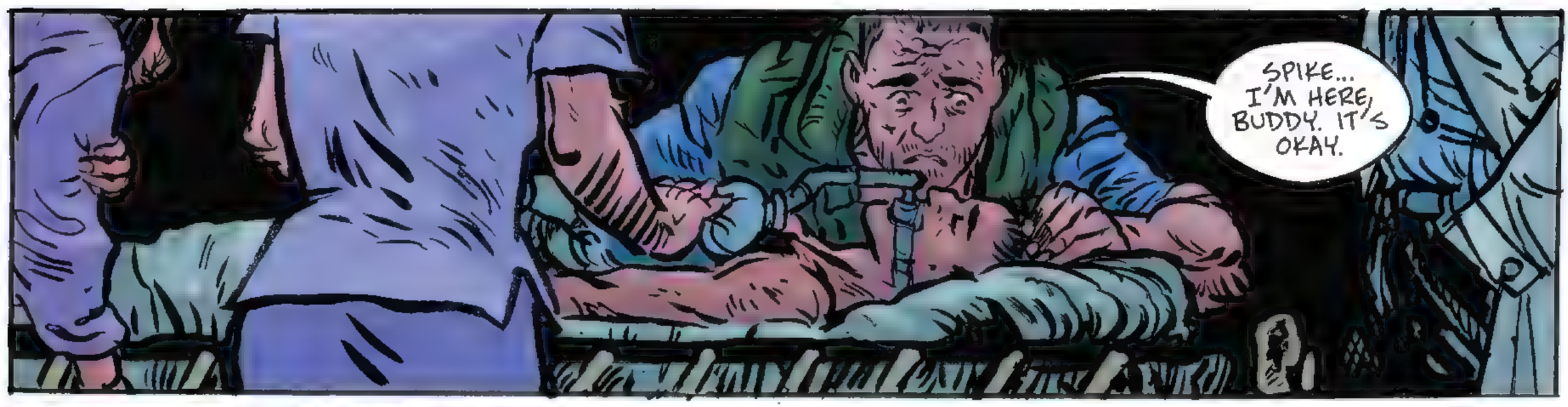
OPTIMUS!

CARLY... IS SPIKE...?

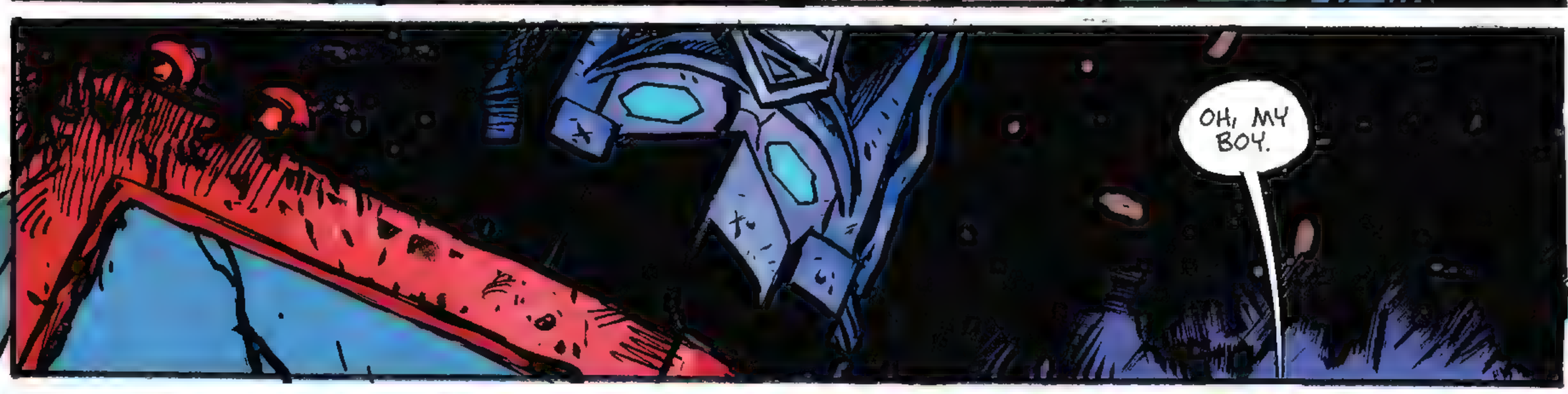
POWER'S STILL OUT.



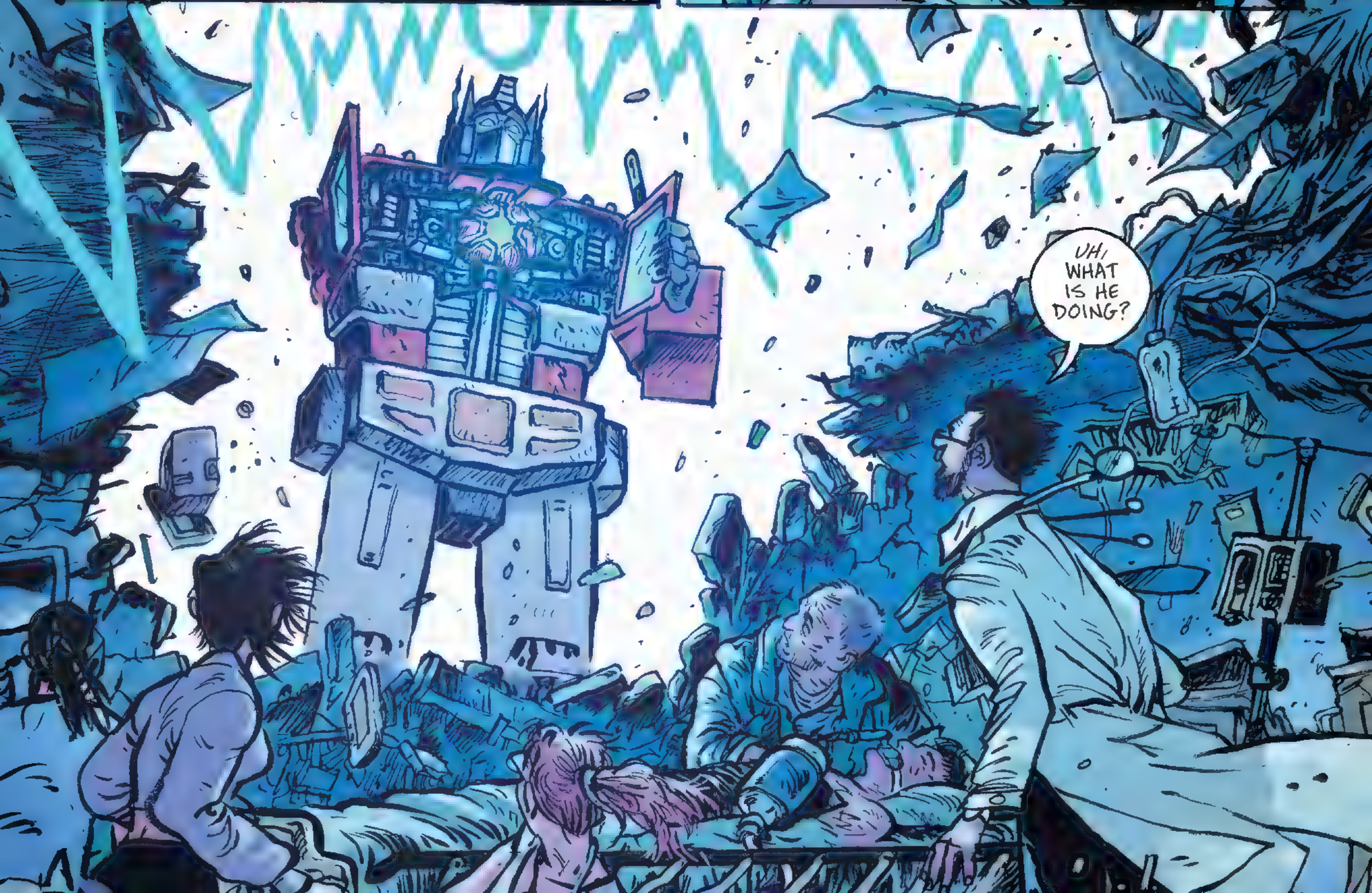



SPIKE... I'M HERE, BUDDY. IT'S OKAY.

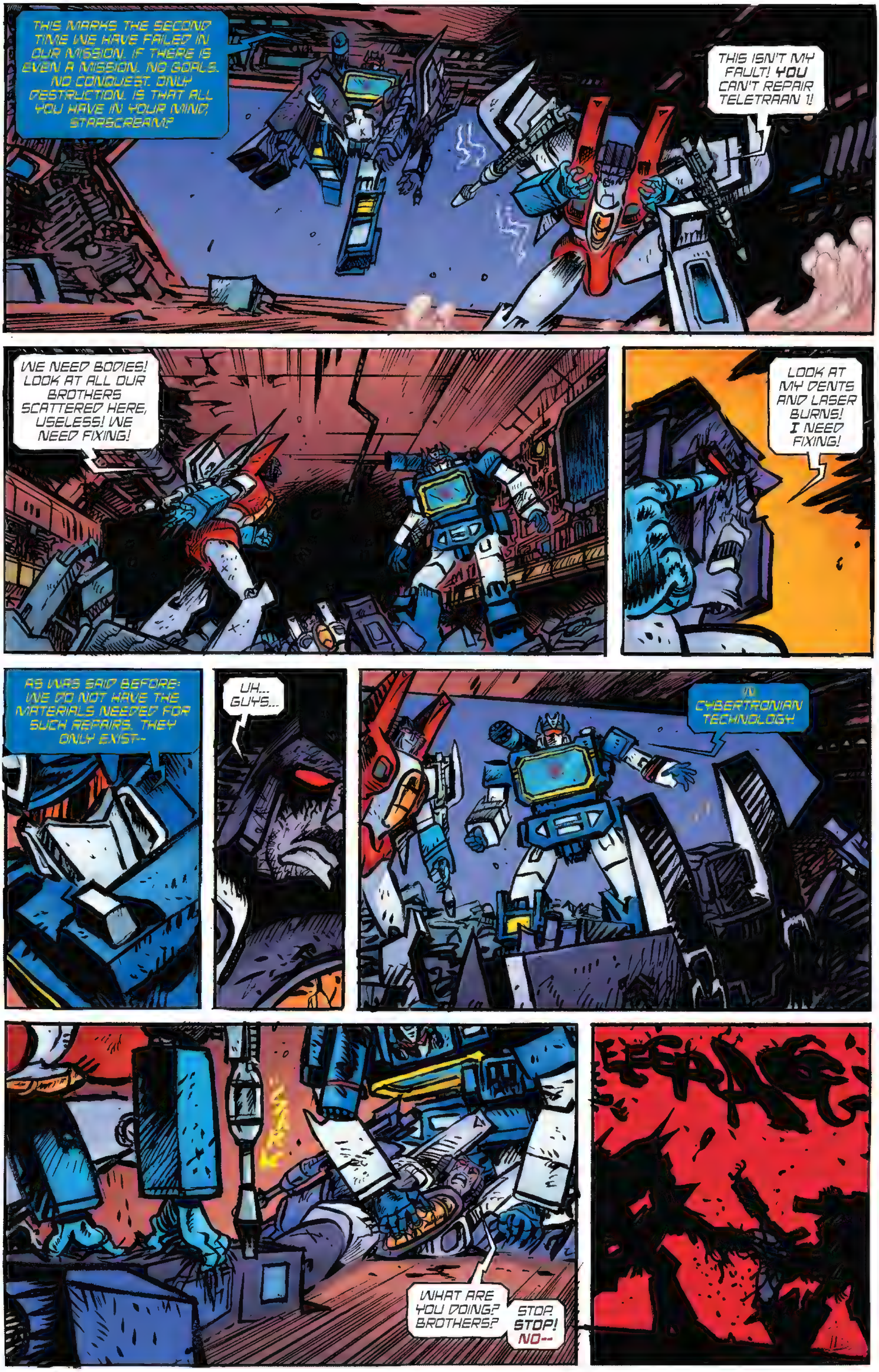
IT'S OKAY.

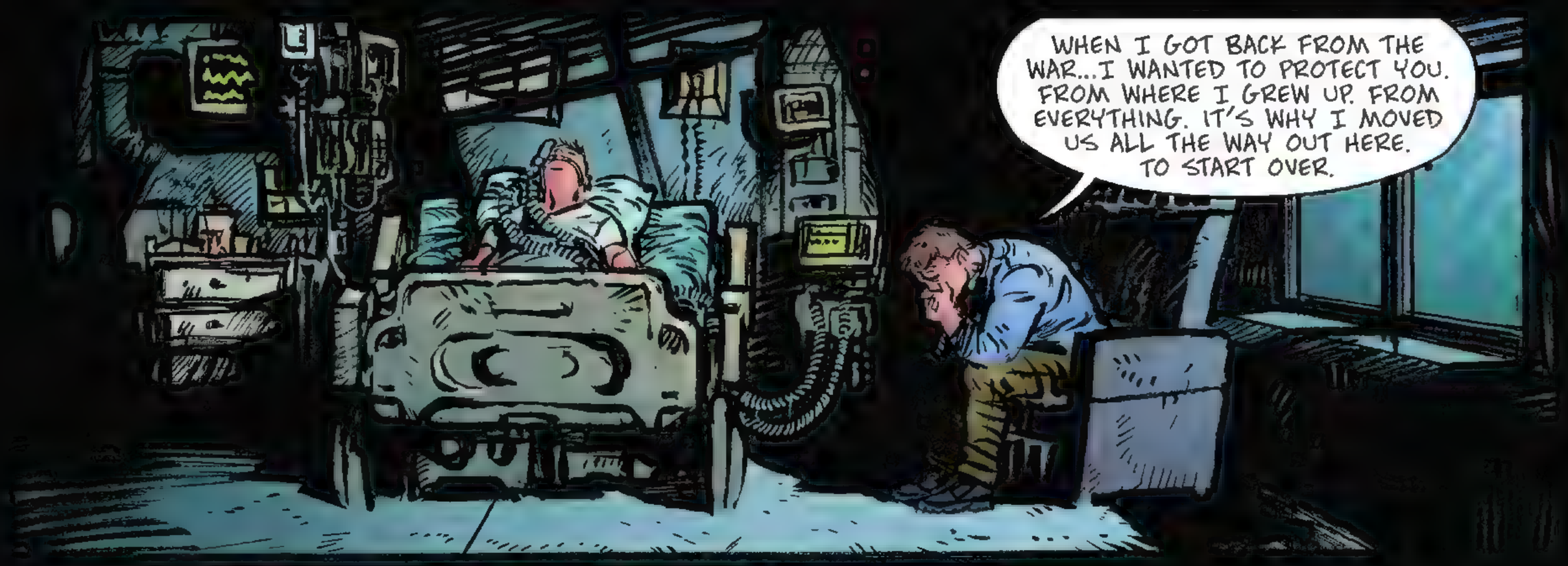

OH, MY BOY.

MY BEAUTIFUL BOY.

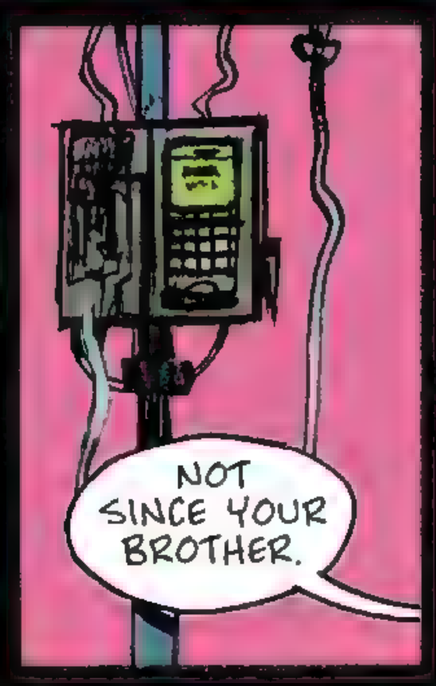

UH, WHAT IS HE DOING?

OPTIMUS, NO--
NO MORE DEATH, RATCHET.
EVEN IF IT COMES AT A PRICE...
NO MORE DEATH.
THE POWER! IT'S COME BACK ON!
NO WAY...
THE MACHINES! THEY'RE RUNNING AGAIN! WE'RE IN BUSINESS! LET'S GET HIM TO THE I.C.U.!
OH, THANK GOD...
NOT GOD...
THANK... METAL?


THIS MARKS THE SECOND TIME WE HAVE FAILED IN OUR MISSION. IF THERE IS EVEN A MISSION. NO GOALS. NO CONQUEST. ONLY DESTRUCTION. IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE IN YOUR MIND, STARSCREAM?
THIS ISN'T MY FAULT! YOU CAN'T REPAIR TELETRAAN 1!
WE NEED BODIES! LOOK AT ALL OUR BROTHERS SCATTERED HERE, USELESS! WE NEED FIXING!
LOOK AT MY DENTS AND LASER BURNS! I NEED FIXING!
AS WAS SAID BEFORE: WE DO NOT HAVE THE MATERIALS NEEDED FOR SUCH REPAIRS. THEY ONLY EXIST--
UH... GUYS...
CYBERTRONIAN TECHNOLOGY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? BROTHERS?
STOP. STOP! NO--


WHEN I GOT BACK FROM THE WAR...I WANTED TO PROTECT YOU. FROM WHERE I GREW UP. FROM EVERYTHING. IT'S WHY I MOVED US ALL THE WAY OUT HERE. TO START OVER.

THE WORLD... IT CAN BE SO AWFUL. I...I CAN'T SEE THE GOOD IN IT ANYMORE. I USED TO. BUT NOT SINCE THE WAR. NOT SINCE--


NOT SINCE YOUR BROTHER.

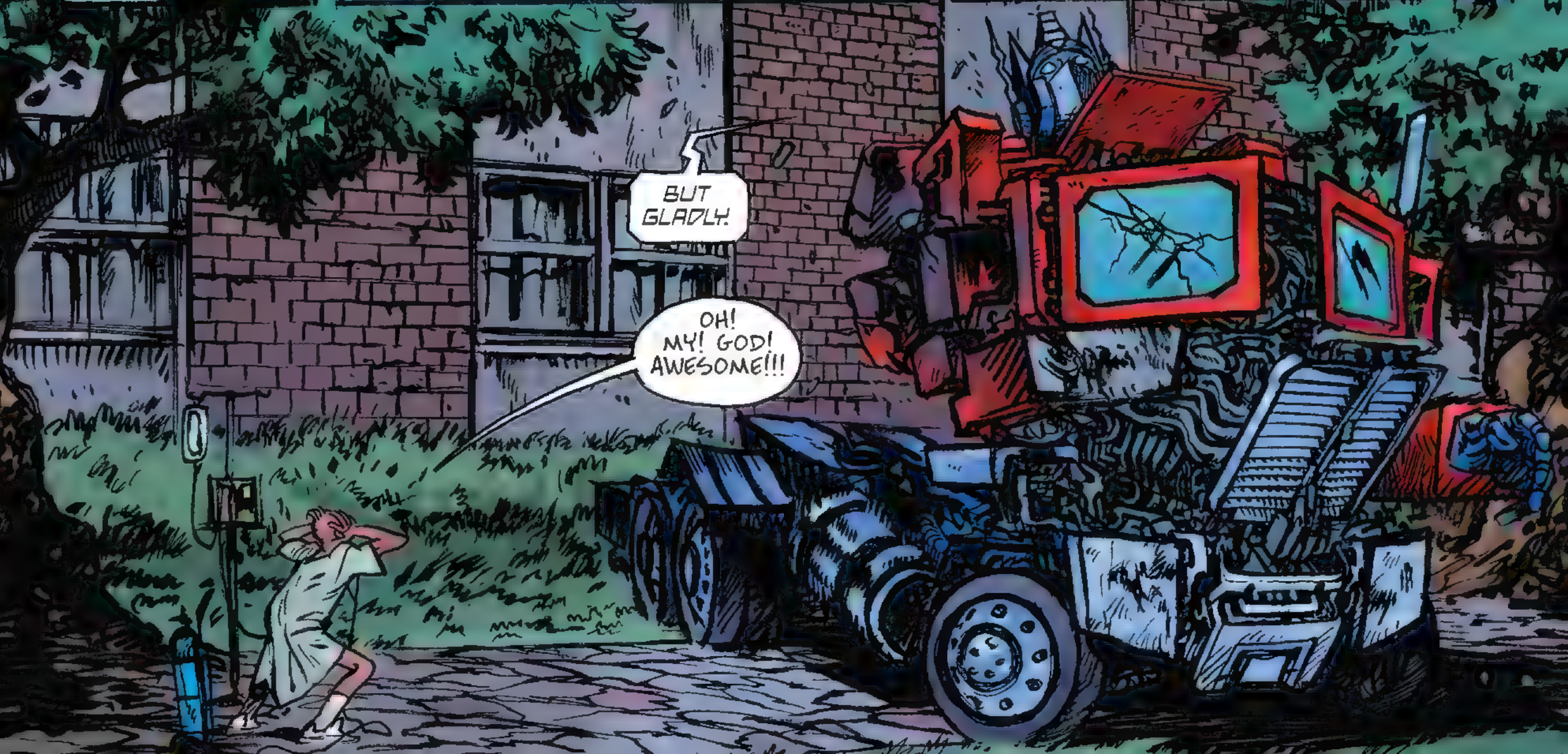
IT'S LIKE I'M...INFECTED. IT'S WITH ME ALL THE TIME, AND SPREADS TO THE ONES I LOVE THE MOST.
I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW TO SEE THE GOOD.

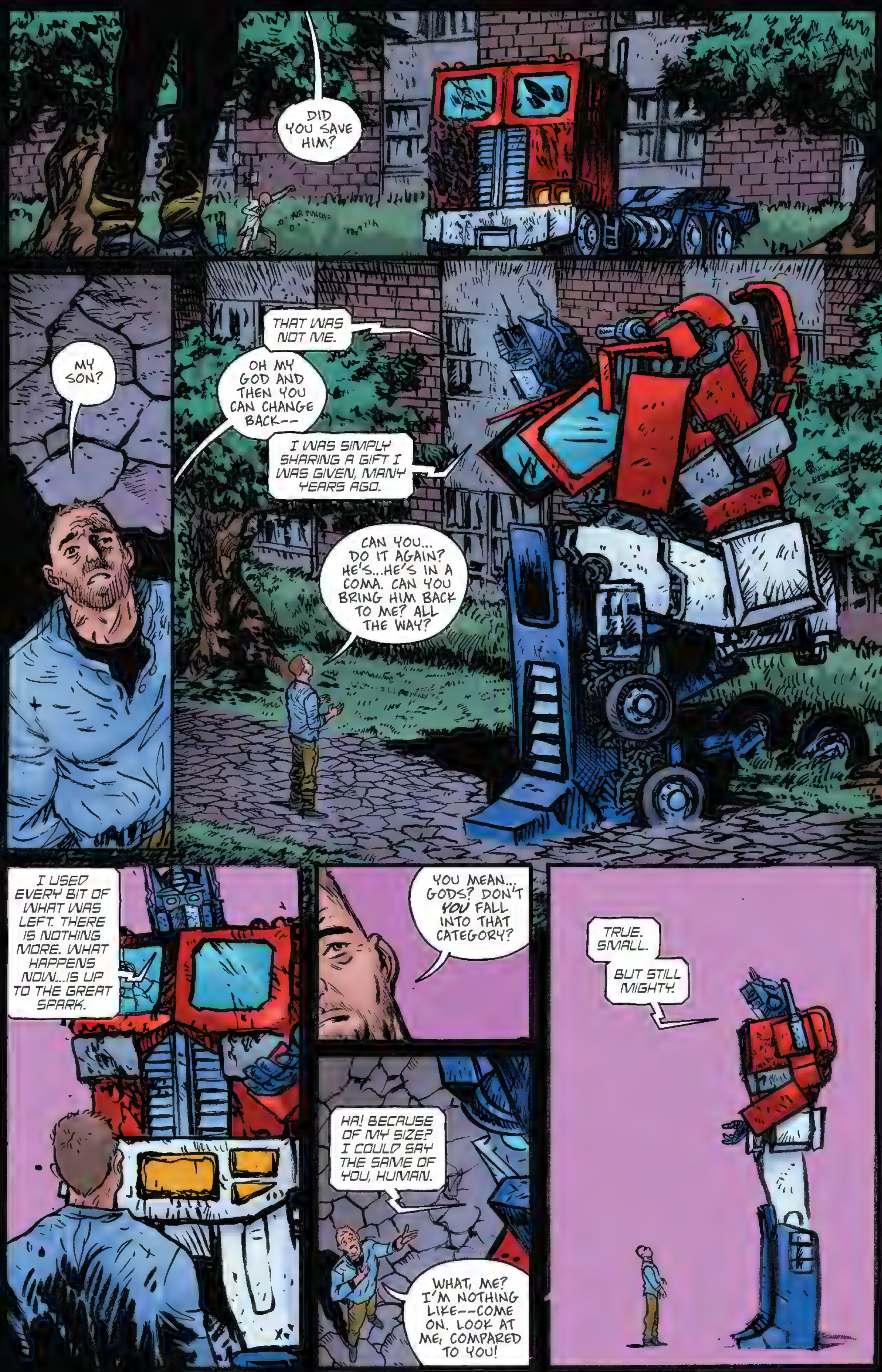
AND NOW YOU'RE NOT HERE TO REMIND ME.

EXCUSE ME...

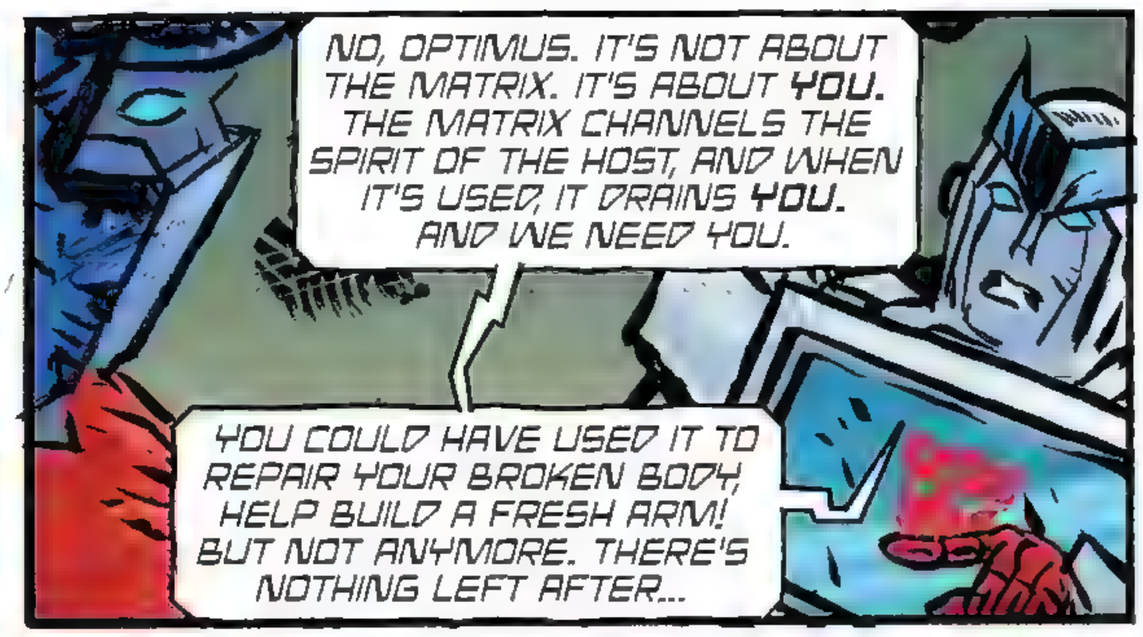
MR. OPTIMUS?
YES?

I HEARD YOU CAN... CHANGE INTO A TRUCK. IS THAT TRUE?
INDEED IT IS, YOUNG HUMAN.
UM... CAN YOU SHOW ME?
I AM A LITTLE WORSE FOR THE WEAR...

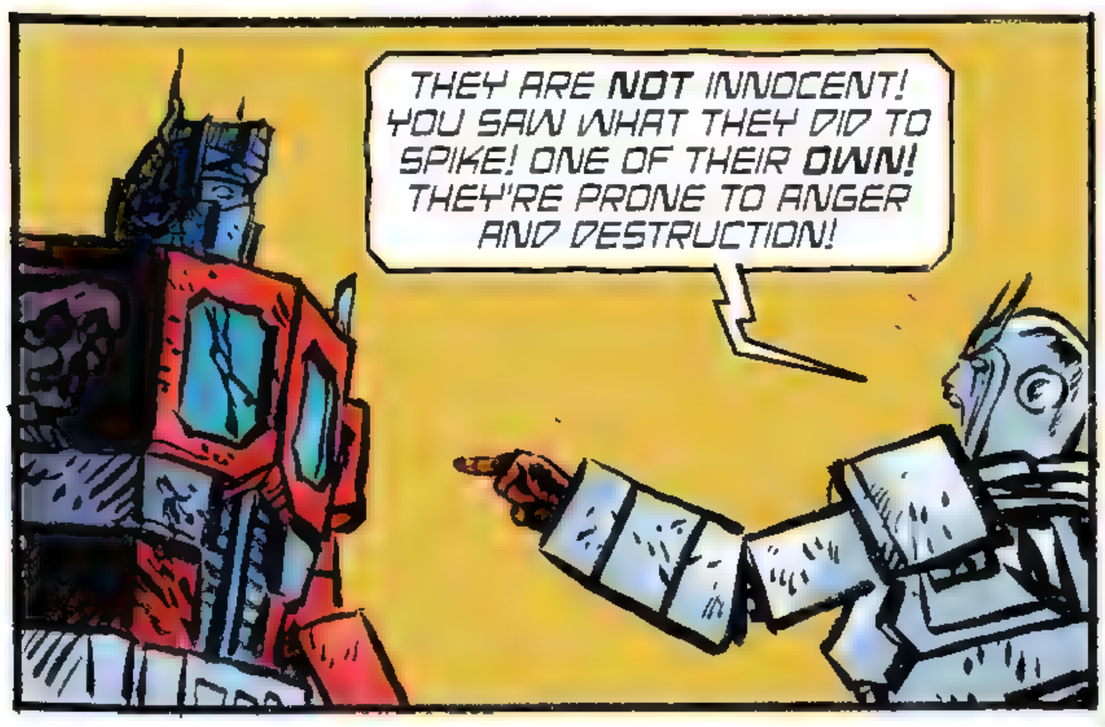

BUT GLADLY.
OH! MY! GOD! AWESOME!!!


DID YOU SAVE HIM?
AIR PUNCH
MY SON?
THAT WAS NOT ME.
OH MY GOD AND THEN YOU CAN CHANGE BACK--
I WAS SIMPLY SHARING A GIFT I WAS GIVEN, MANY YEARS AGO.
CAN YOU... DO IT AGAIN? HE'S...HE'S IN A COMA. CAN YOU BRING HIM BACK TO ME? ALL THE WAY?
I USED EVERY BIT OF WHAT WAS LEFT. THERE IS NOTHING MORE. WHAT HAPPENS NOW...IS UP TO THE GREAT SPARK.
YOU MEAN... GODS? DON'T YOU FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY?
HA! BECAUSE OF MY SIZE? I COULD SAY THE SAME OF YOU, HUMAN.
WHAT, ME? I'M NOTHING LIKE--COME ON. LOOK AT ME, COMPARED TO YOU!
TRUE. SMALL.
BUT STILL MIGHTY.

IT TOOK SOME MAJOR DOING, BUT I WAS ABLE TO FIX THE HUMANS' GENERATOR. THE MATRIX--
IT WILL BE FINE, RATCHET.

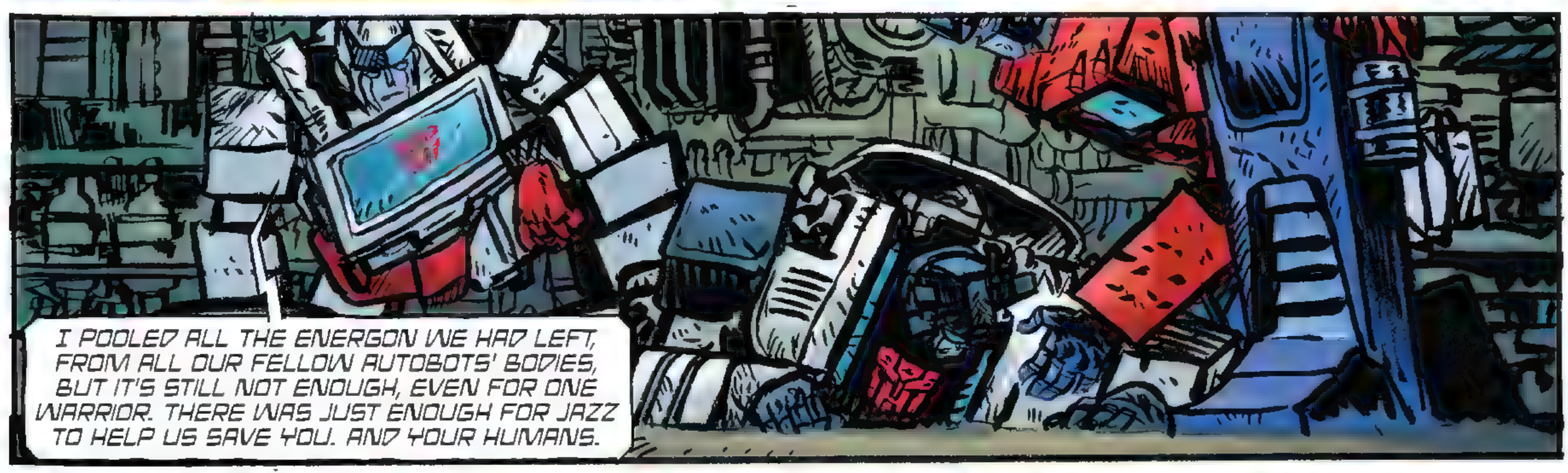

NO, OPTIMUS. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MATRIX. IT'S ABOUT **YOU.** THE MATRIX CHANNELS THE SPIRIT OF THE HOST, AND WHEN IT'S USED, IT DRAINS **YOU.** AND WE NEED YOU.
YOU COULD HAVE USED IT TO REPAIR YOUR BROKEN BODY, HELP BUILD A FRESH ARM! BUT NOT ANYMORE. THERE'S NOTHING LEFT AFTER...

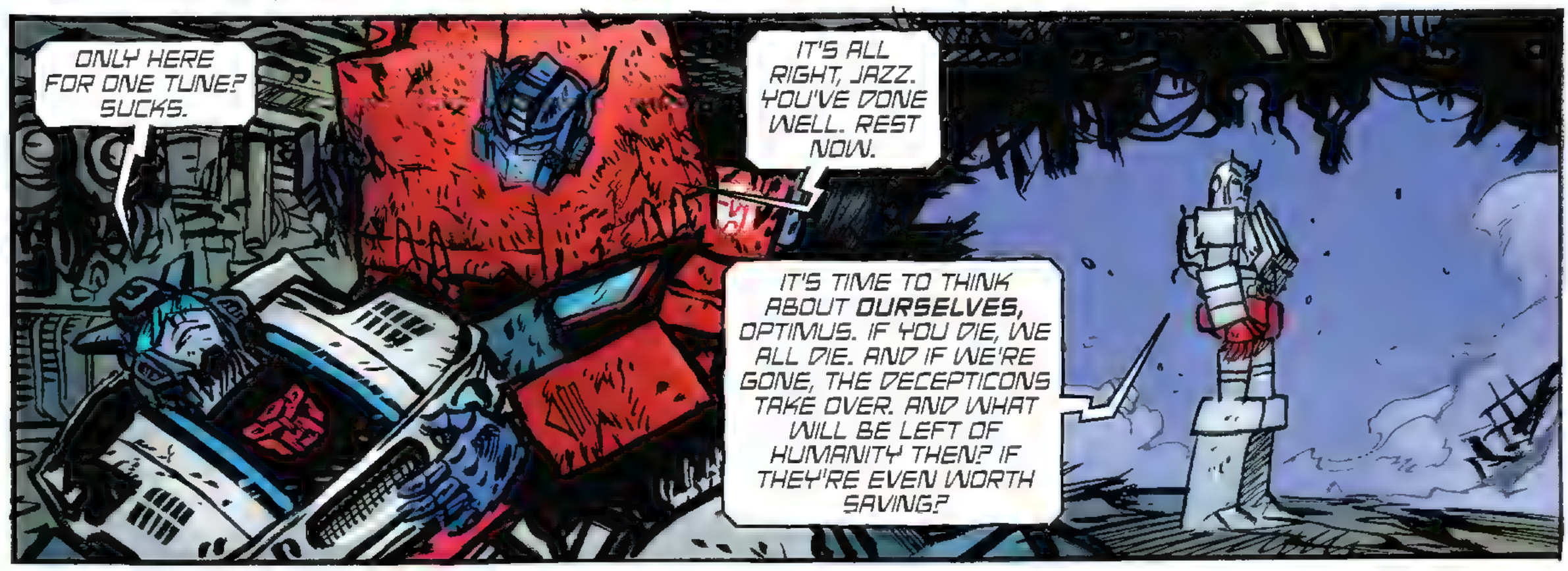
AFTER SAVING AN INNOCENT CREATURE? WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO, RATCHET? LET HIM DIE? WE BROUGHT THIS HERE! THEY ARE INNOCENT!!

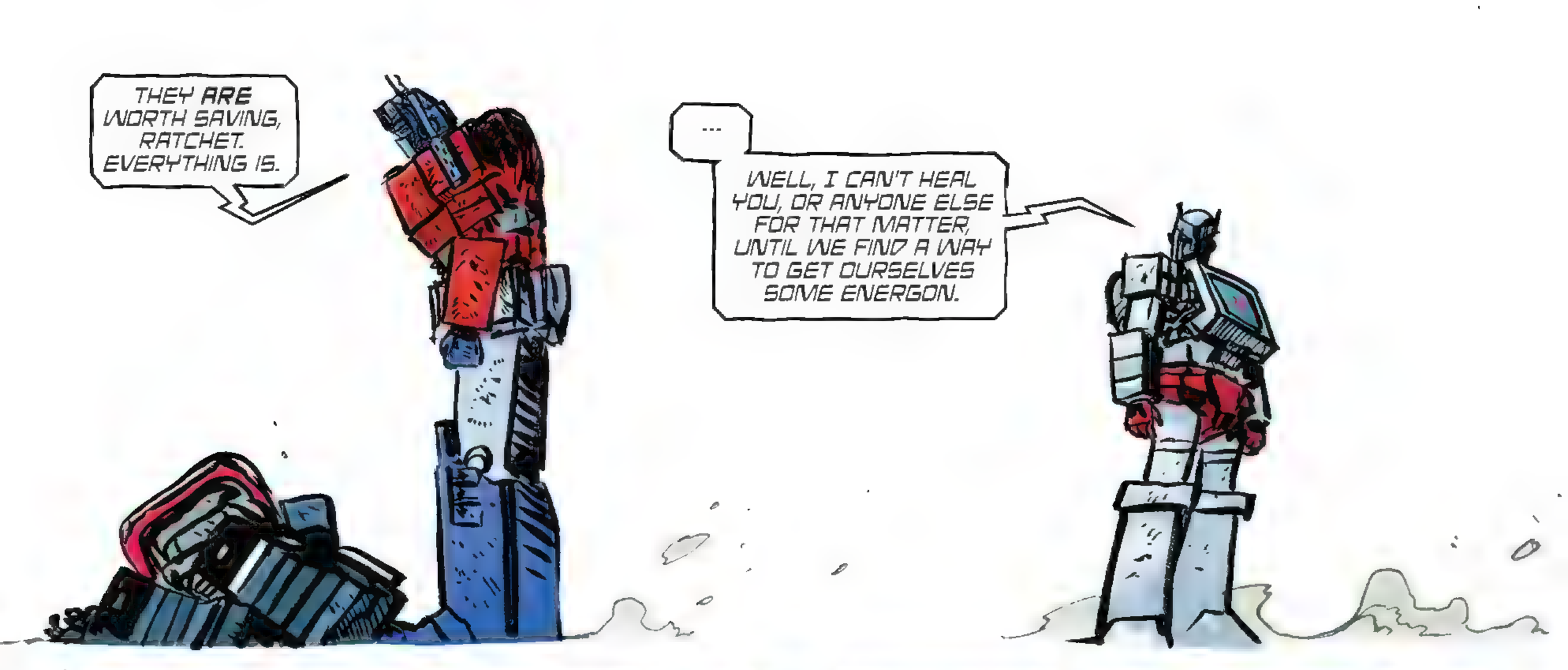

THEY ARE **NOT** INNOCENT! YOU SAW WHAT THEY DID TO SPIKE! ONE OF THEIR **OWN!** THEY'RE PROME TO ANGER AND DESTRUCTION!

JUST LIKE US.

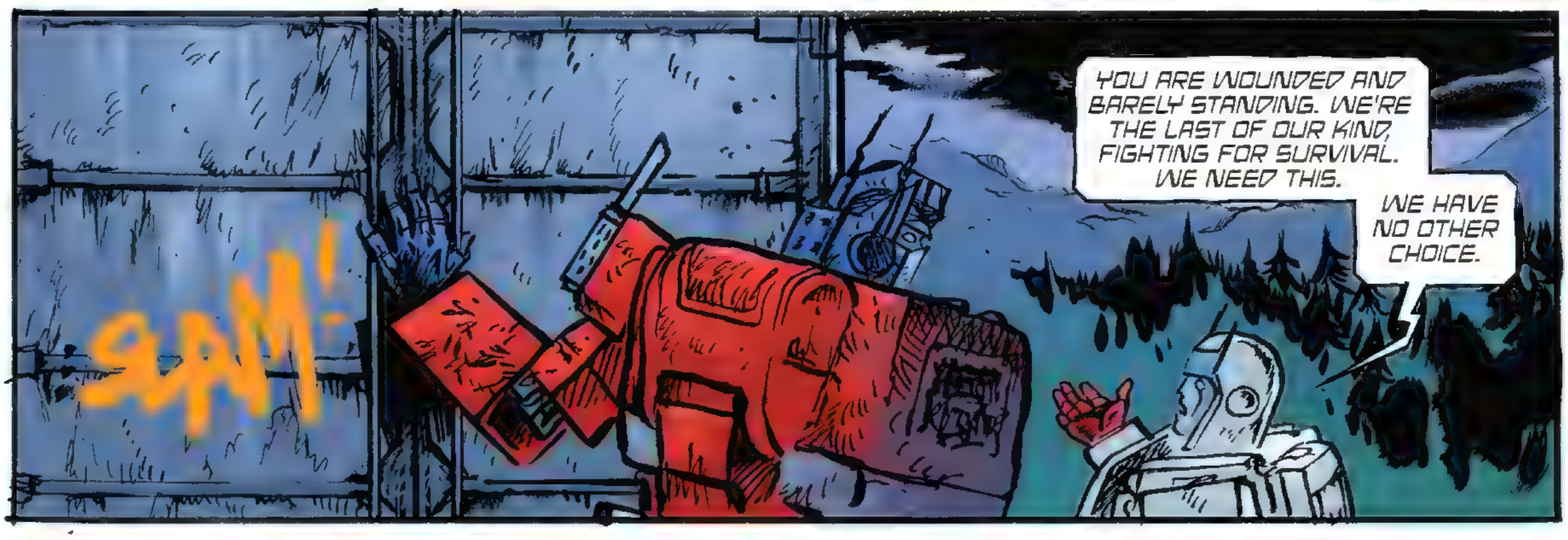
-HKK--
JAZZ?!

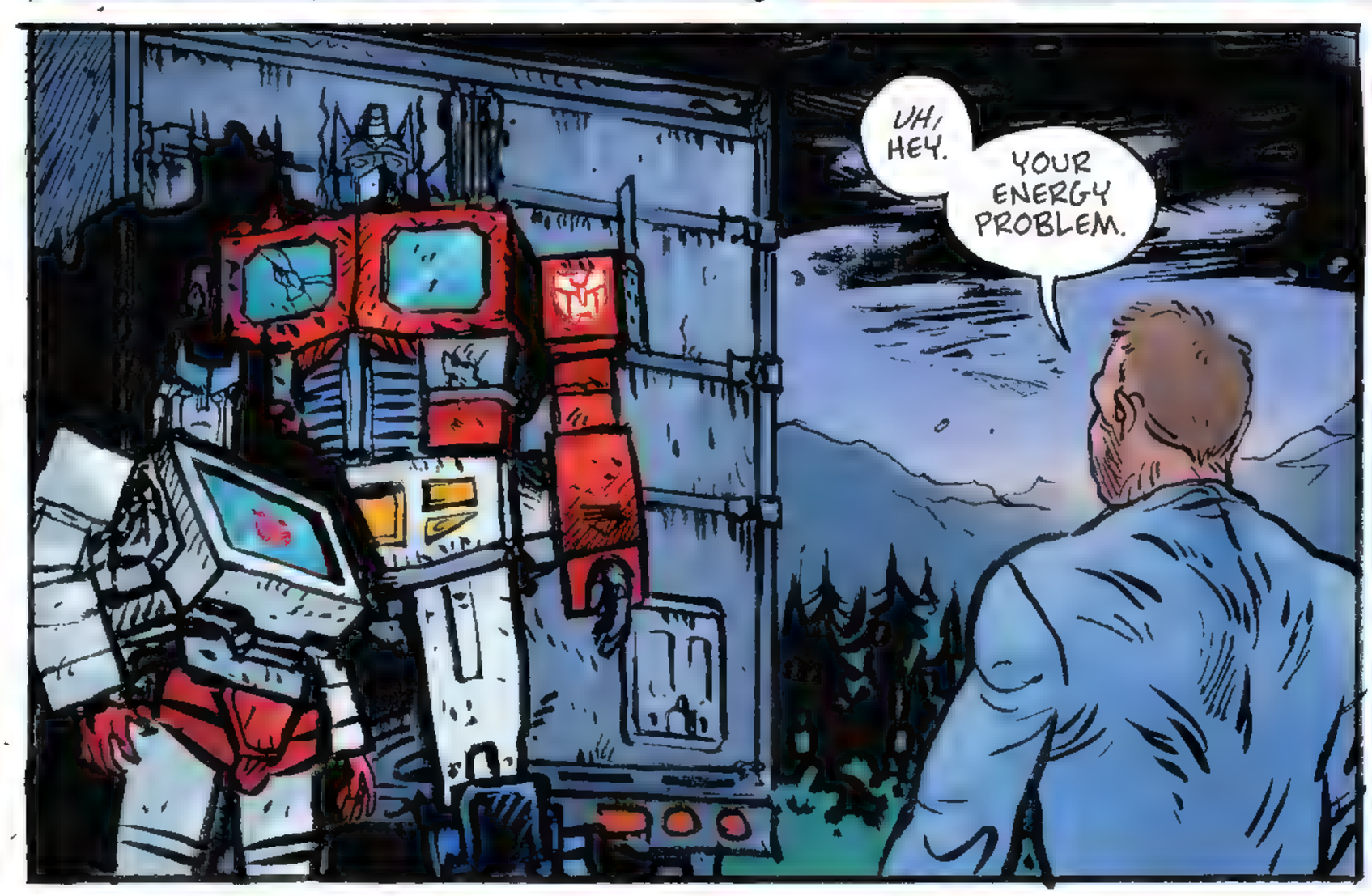

I POOLED ALL THE ENERGON WE HAD LEFT, FROM ALL OUR FELLOW AUTOBOTS' BODIES, BUT IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH, EVEN FOR ONE WARRIOR. THERE WAS JUST ENOUGH FOR JAZZ TO HELP US SAVE YOU. AND YOUR HUMANS.

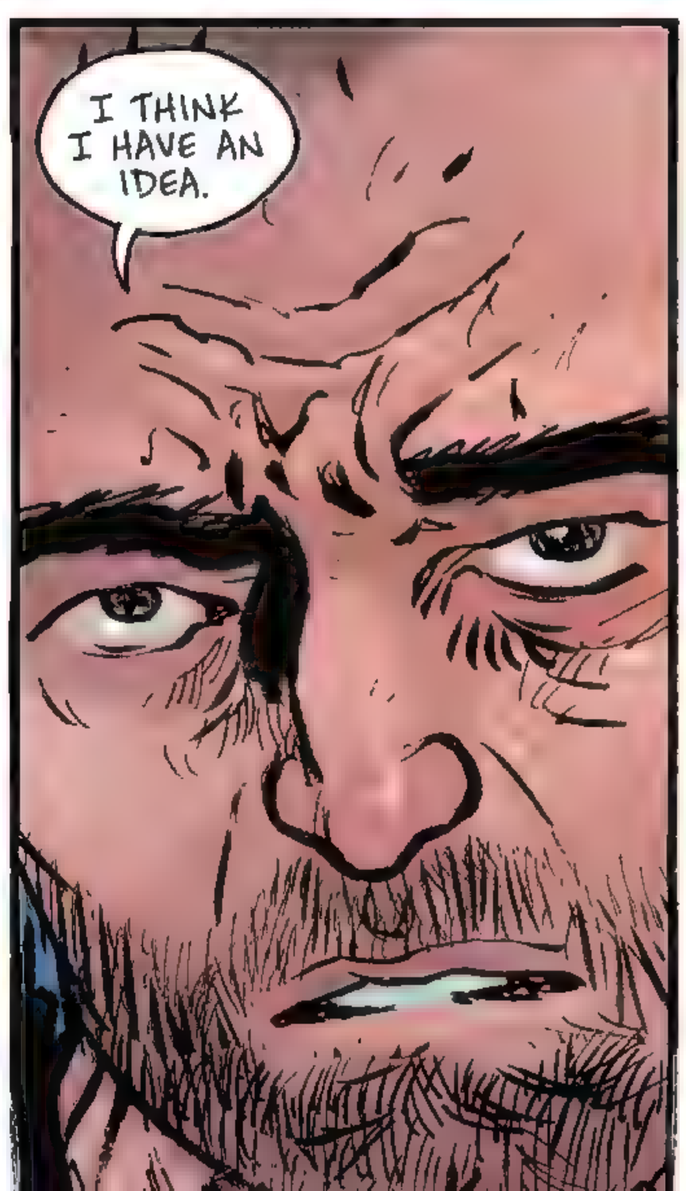

ONLY HERE FOR ONE TUNE? SUCKS.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, JAZZ. YOU'VE DONE WELL. REST NOW.
IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT **OURSELVES,** OPTIMUS. IF YOU DIE, WE ALL DIE. AND IF WE'RE GONE, THE DECEPTICONS TAKE OVER. AND WHAT WILL BE LEFT OF HUMANITY THEN? IF THEY'RE EVEN WORTH SAVING?

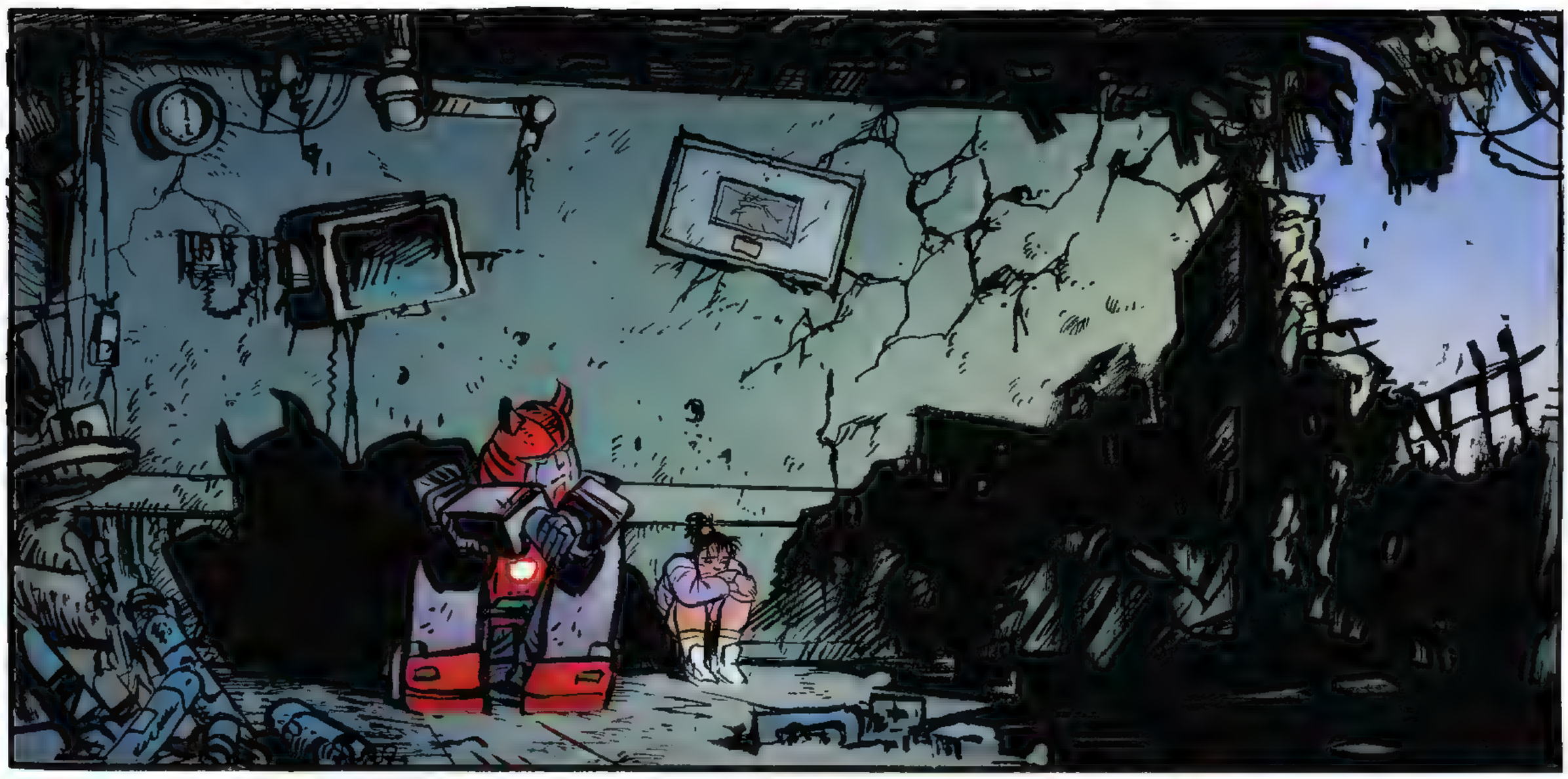

THEY ARE WORTH SAVING, RATCHET. EVERYTHING IS.
...
WELL, I CAN'T HEAL YOU, OR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER, UNTIL WE FIND A WAY TO GET OURSELVES SOME ENERGON.

BUT I HAVE ONE MORE THING THAT MIGHT HELP US GET BACK THE INITIATIVE.
RATCHET. NO. I CAN'T USE THIS.


YOU ARE WOUNDED AND BARELY STANDING. WE'RE THE LAST OF OUR KIND, FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL. WE NEED THIS.
WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE.


UH, HEY.
YOUR ENERGY PROBLEM.

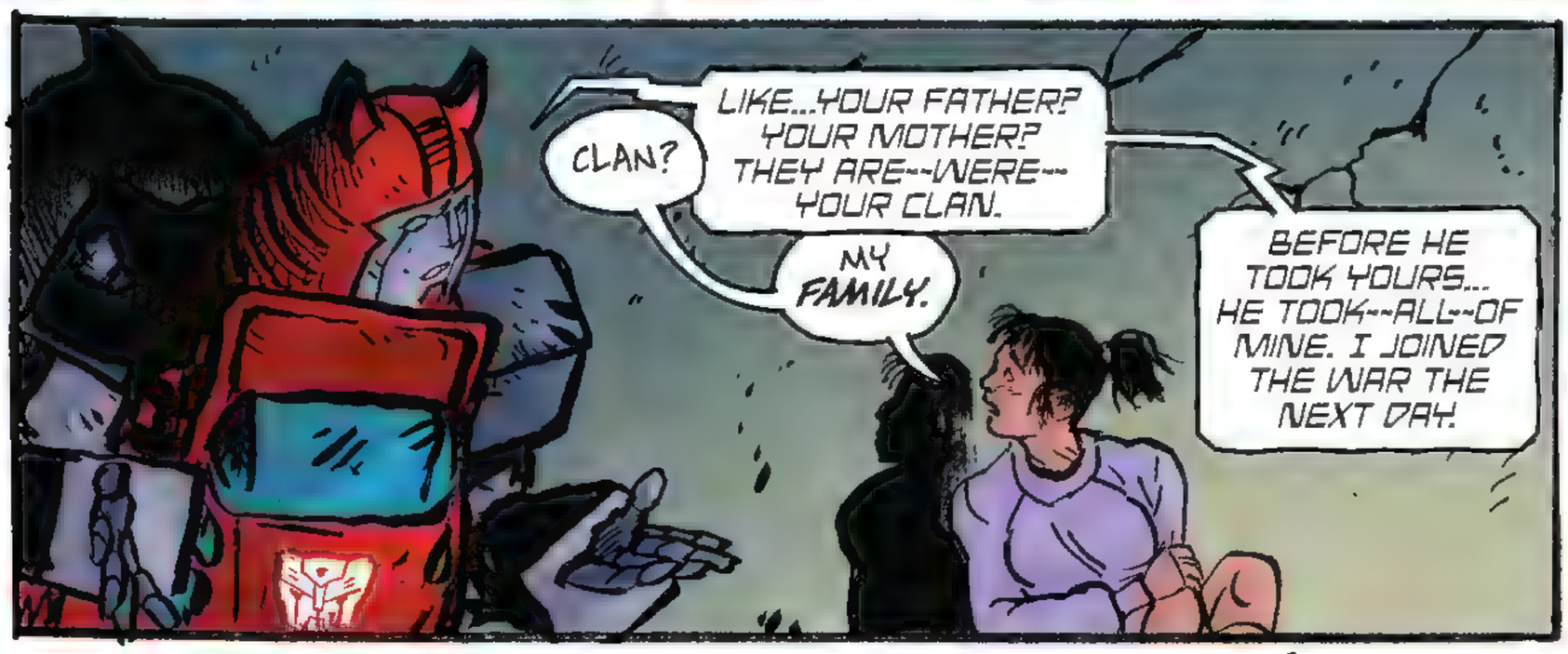

I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA.



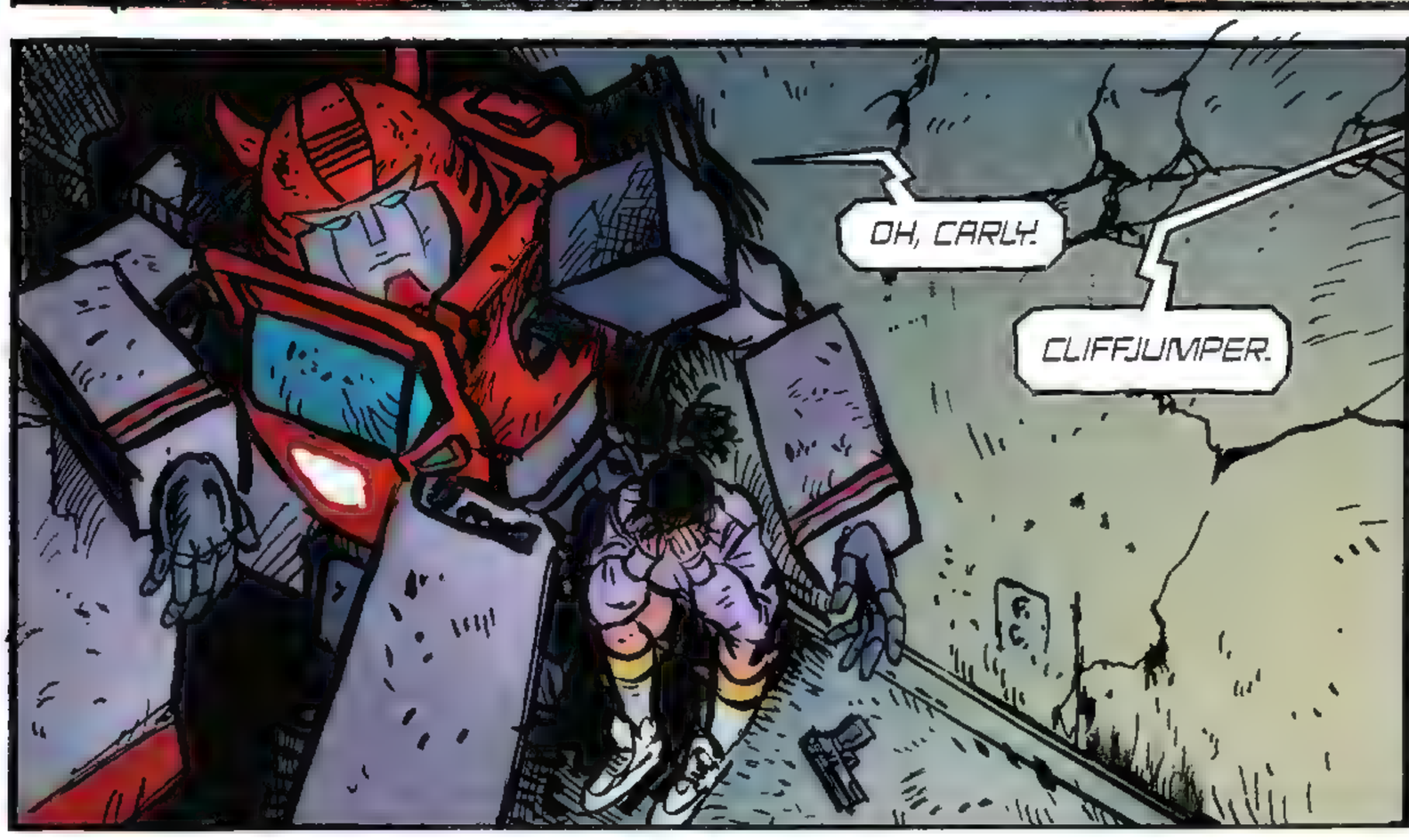
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT?
SORRY.

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, YOU KNOW.
OH YEAH? HOW'S THAT?

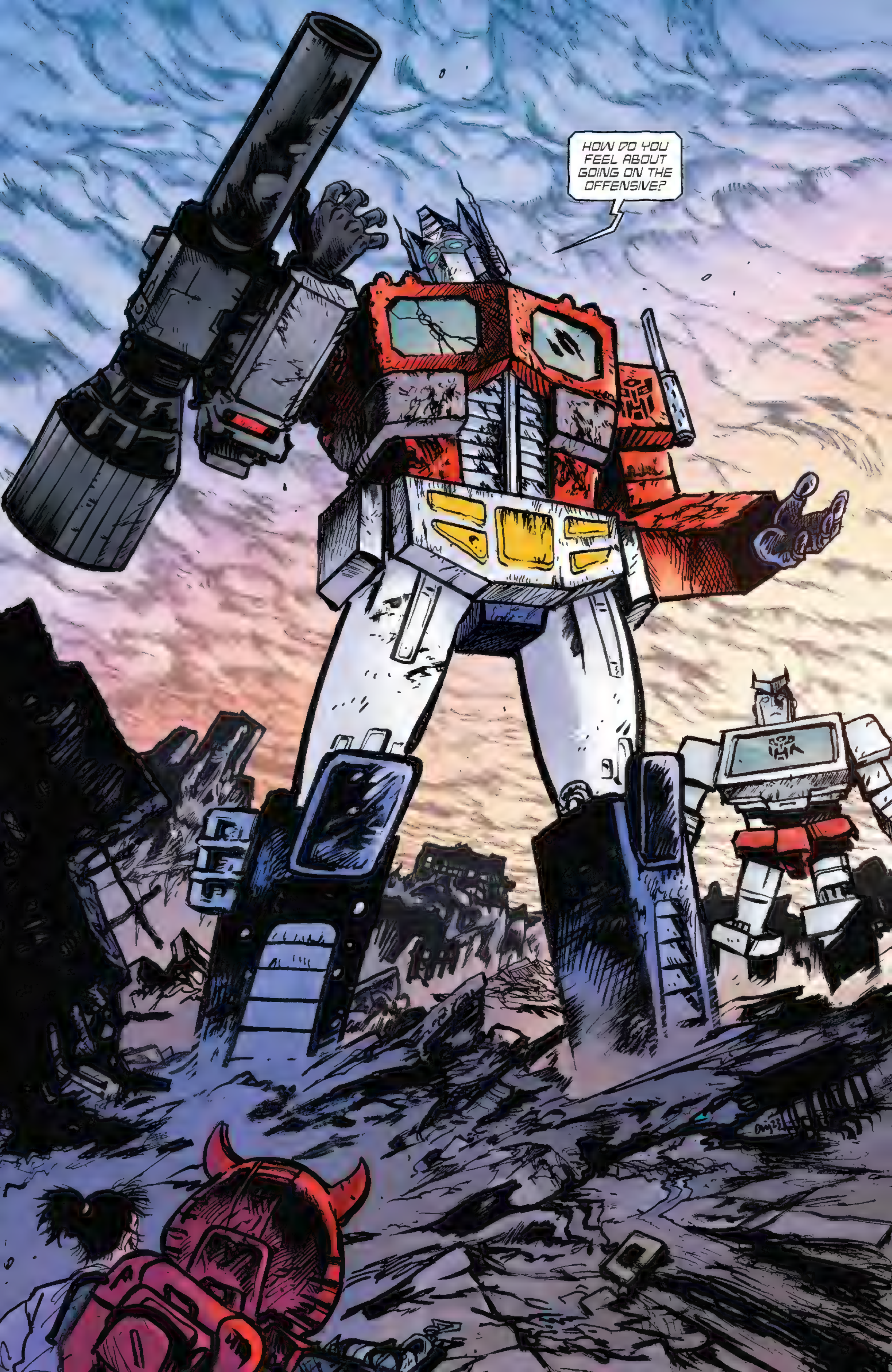
STARSCREAM KILLED MY ENTIRE CLAN.

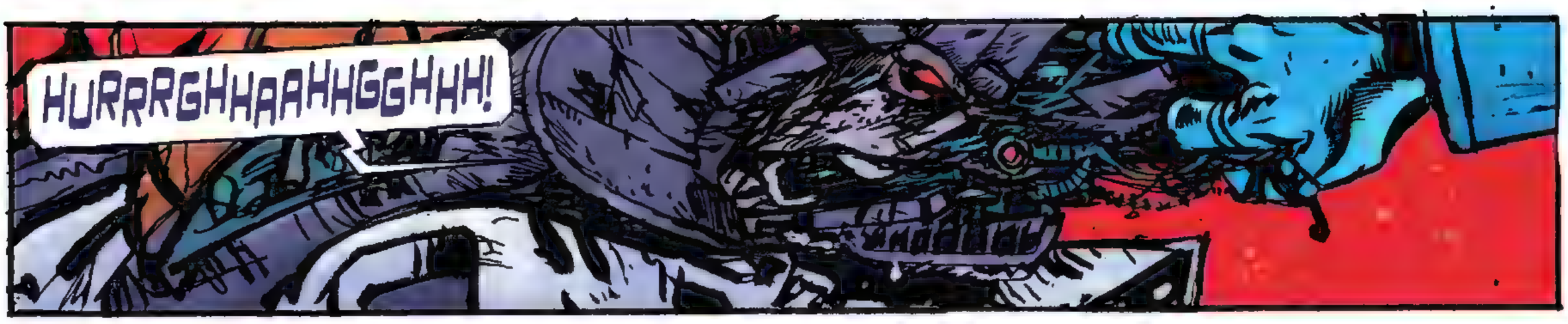

CLAN?
LIKE...YOUR FATHER? YOUR MOTHER? THEY ARE--WERE--YOUR CLAN.
MY FAMILY.
BEFORE HE TOOK YOURS... HE TOOK--ALL--OF MINE. I JOINED THE WAR THE NEXT DAY.

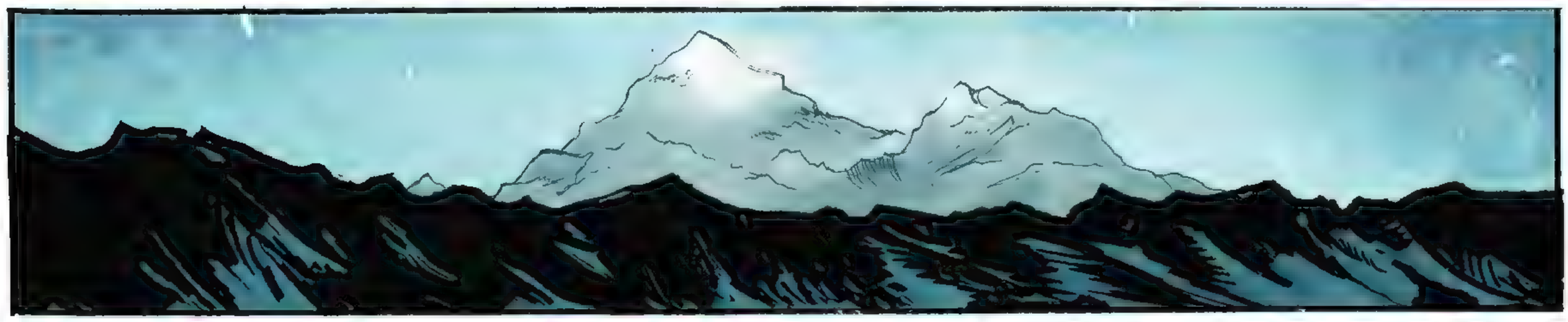
DOES THIS FEELING GO AWAY? DOES IT GET EASIER?


OH, CARLY.
CLIFFJUMPER.

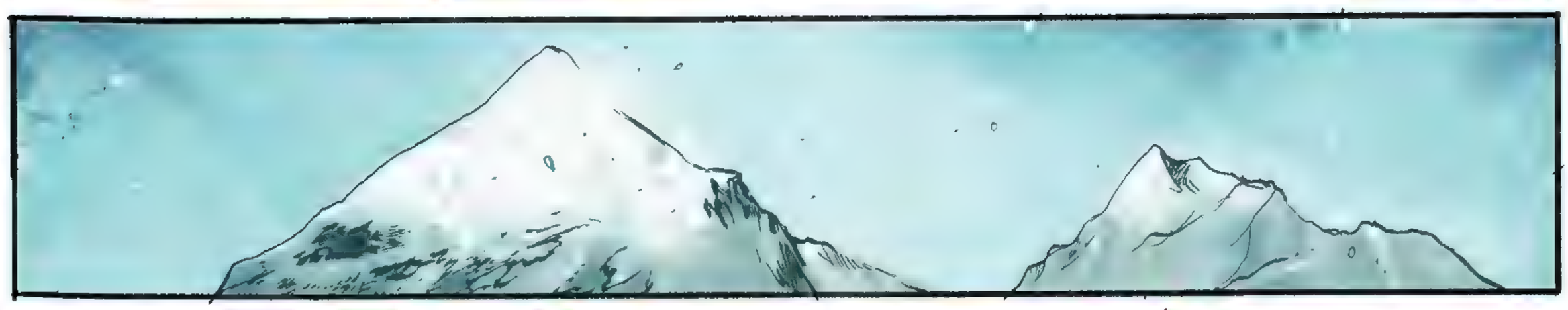
OPTIMUS...

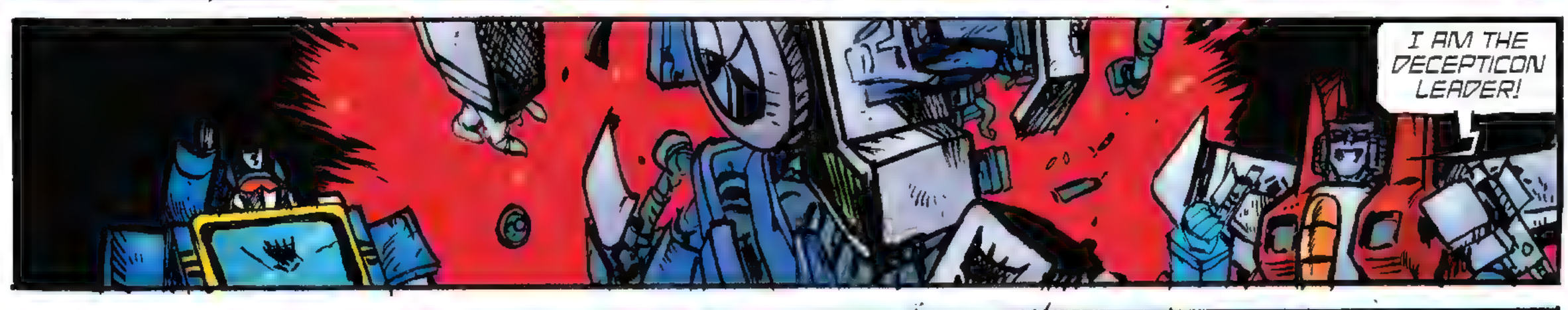

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE?

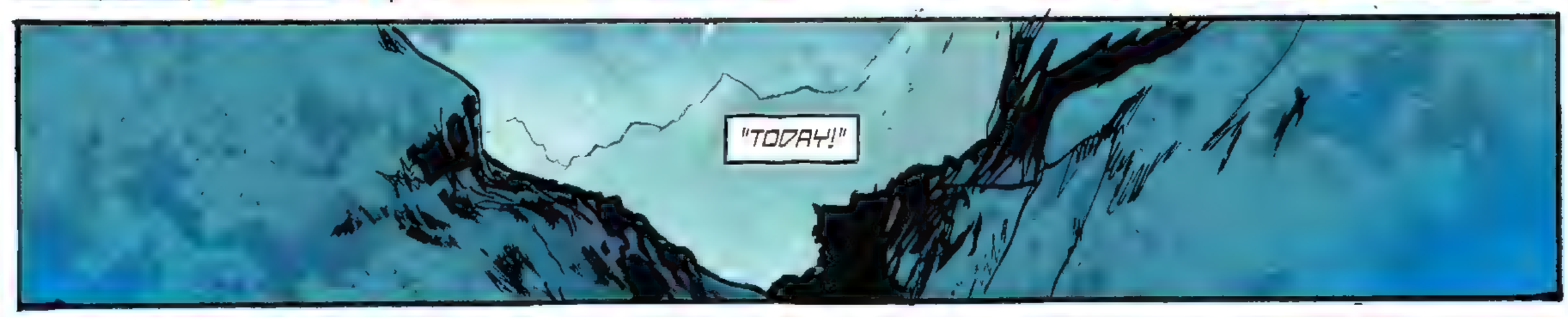

HURRRGHHAAHHGGHHH!



DRGGGG
HAHA! VICTORY!

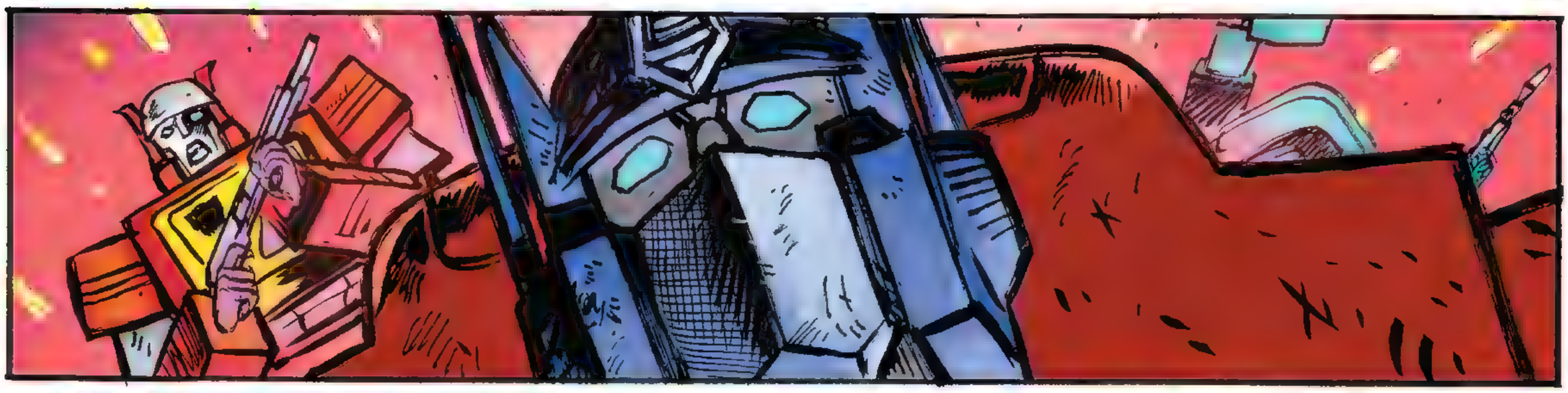


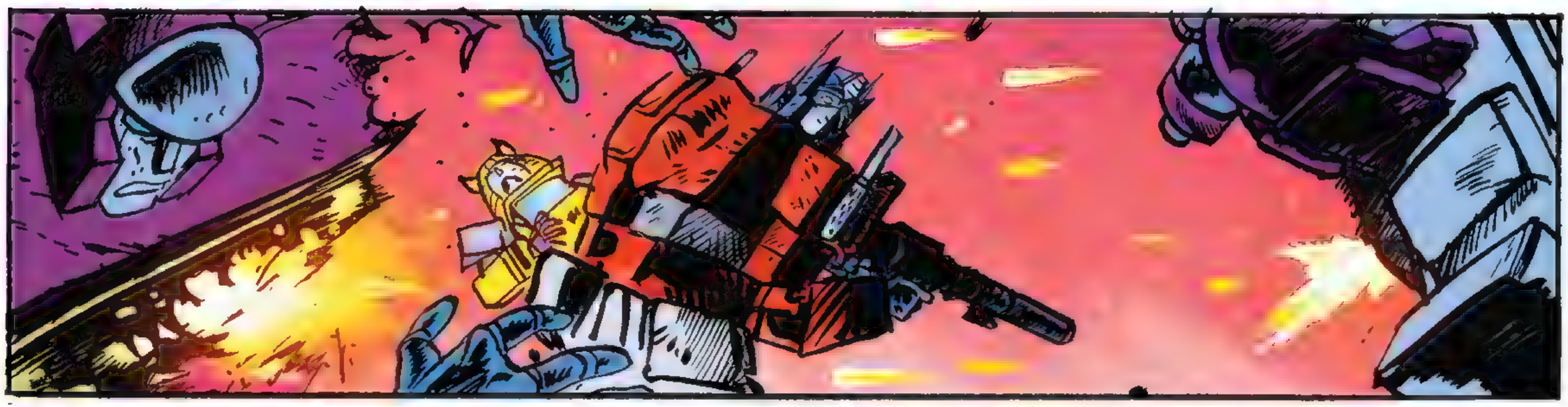

I AM THE DECEPTICON LEADER!

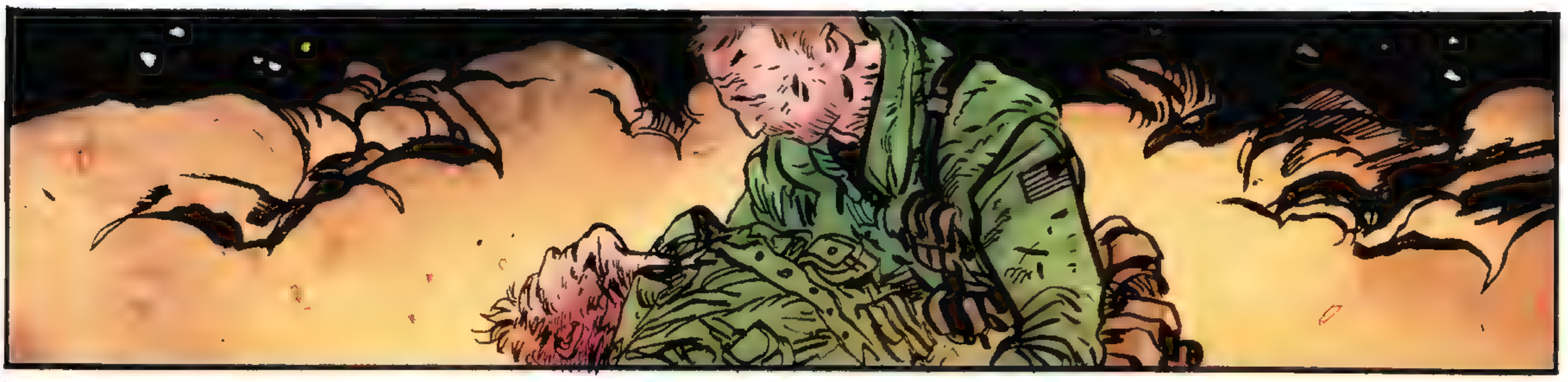

"TODAY!"

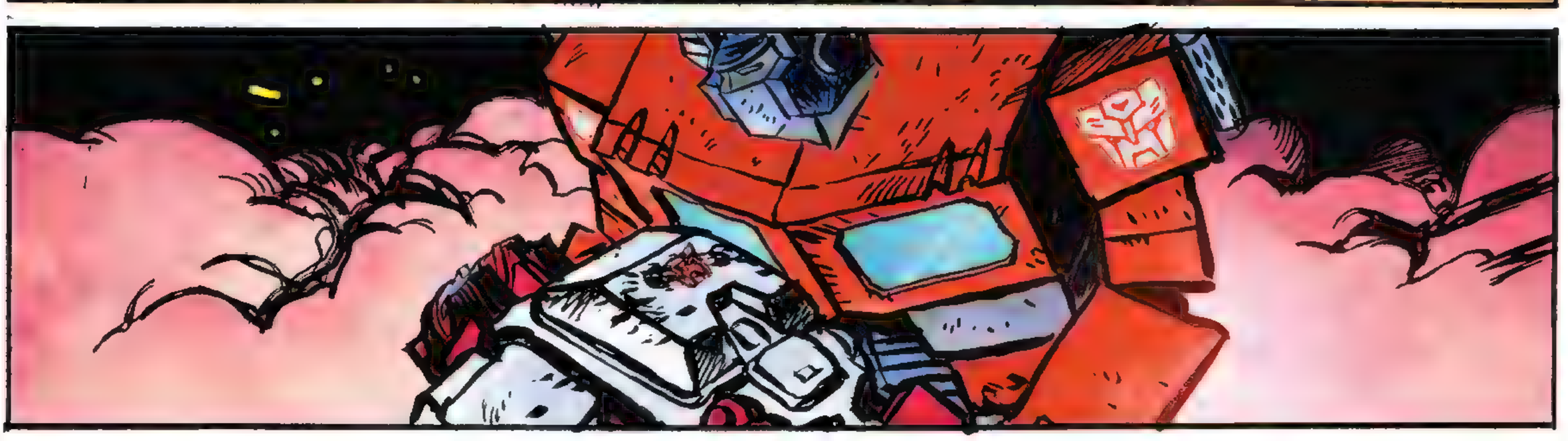
TOMORROW!

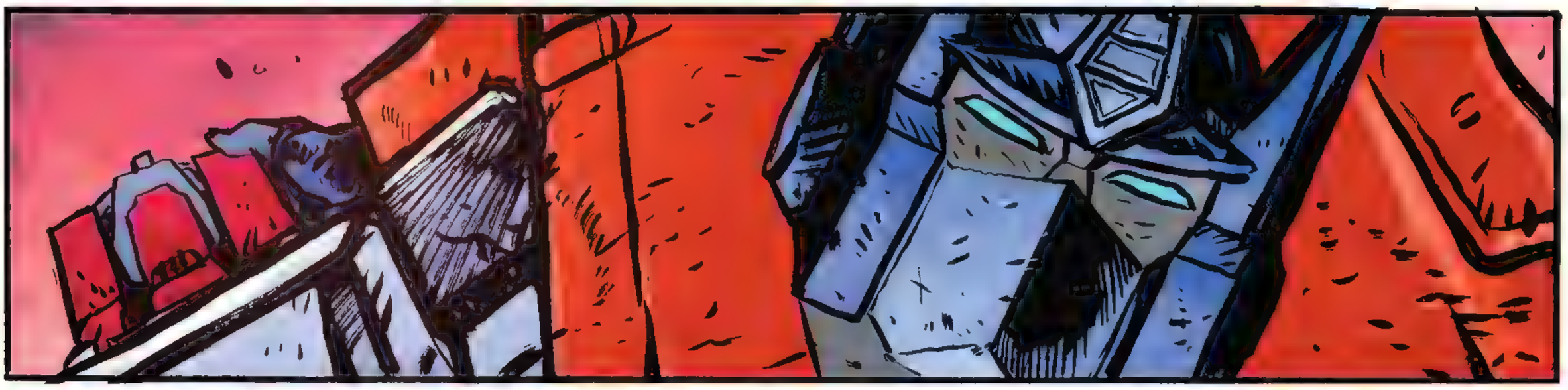
"FOREVER!"

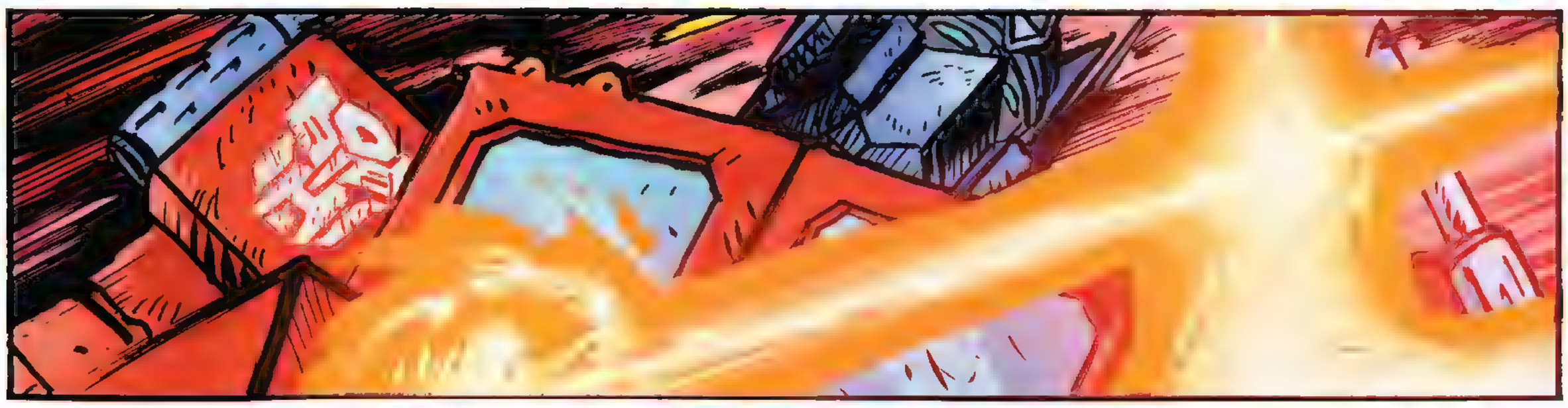




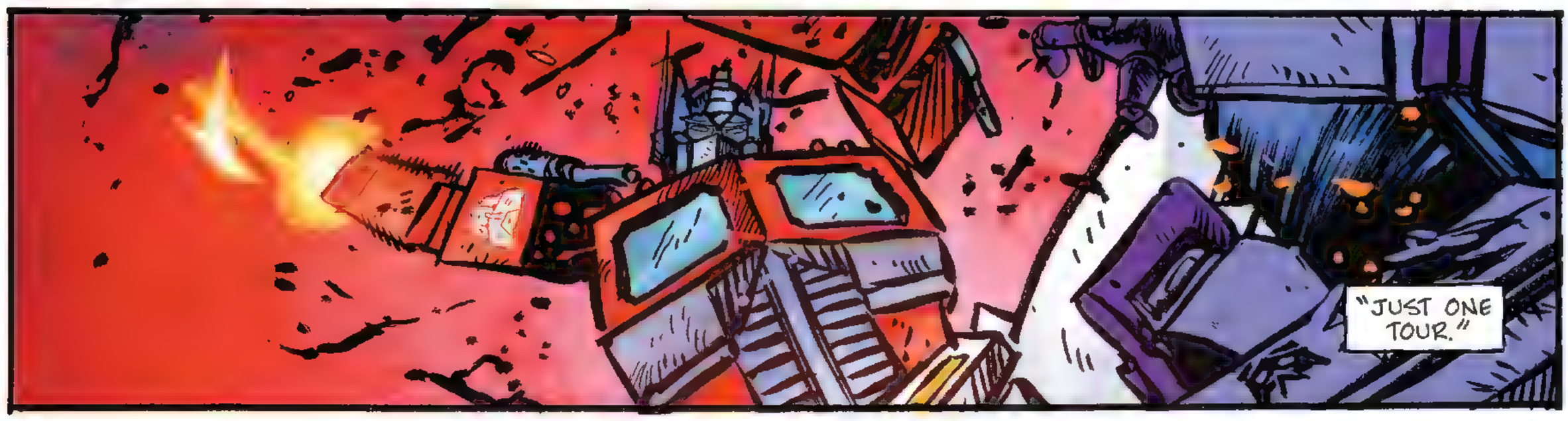




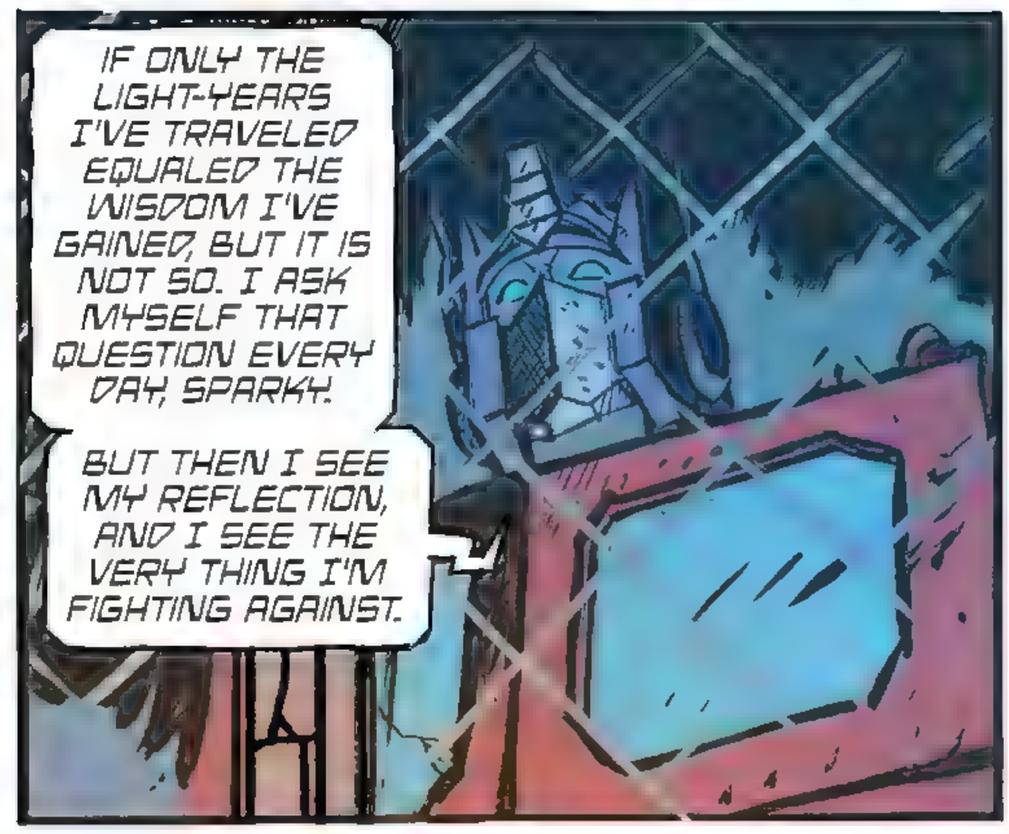




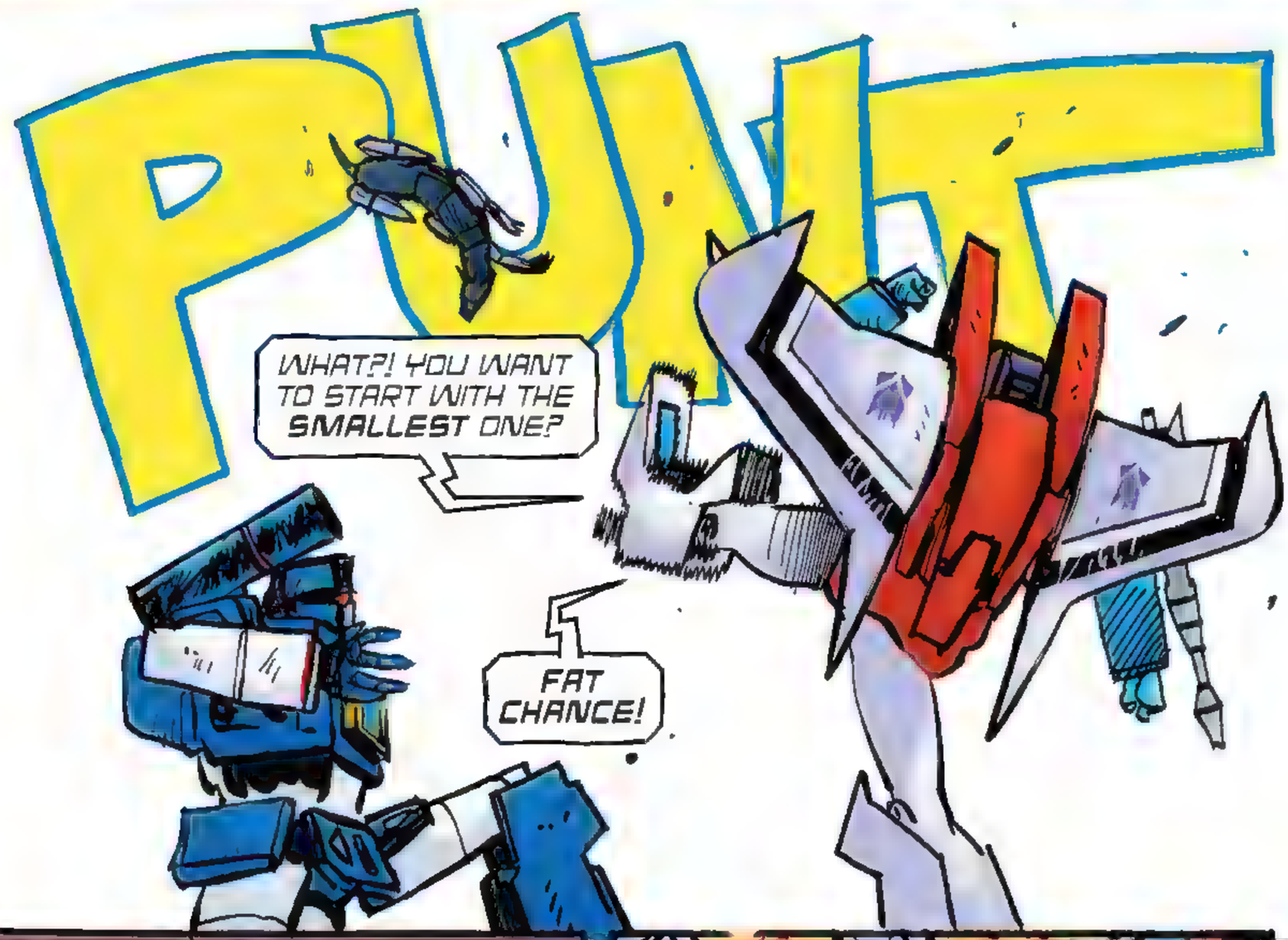
"HOW LONG WAS YOUR WAR?"

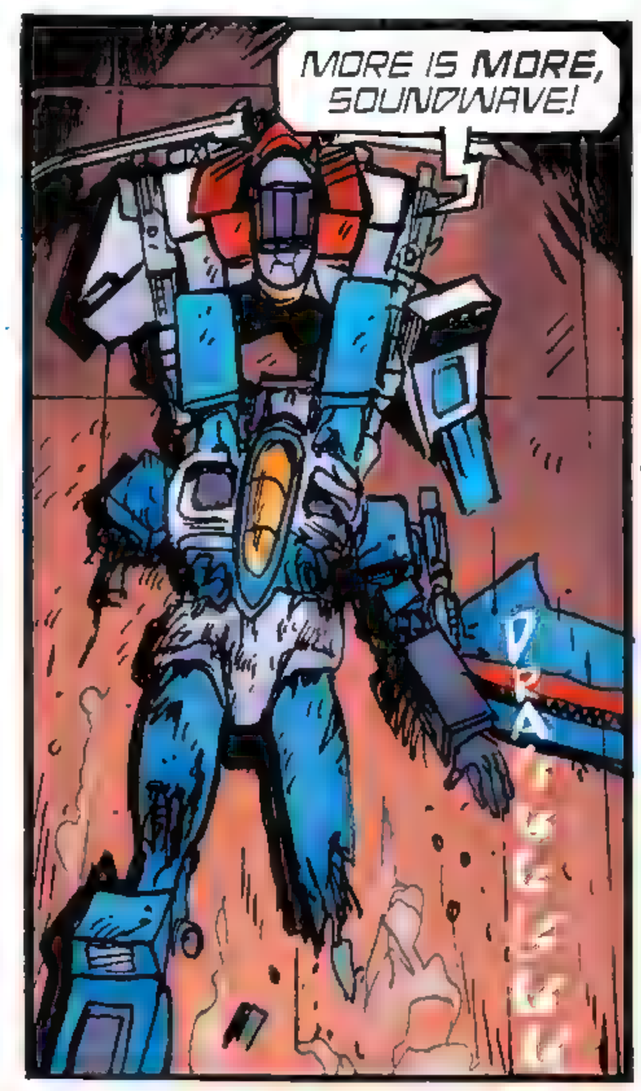

"JUST ONE TOUR."

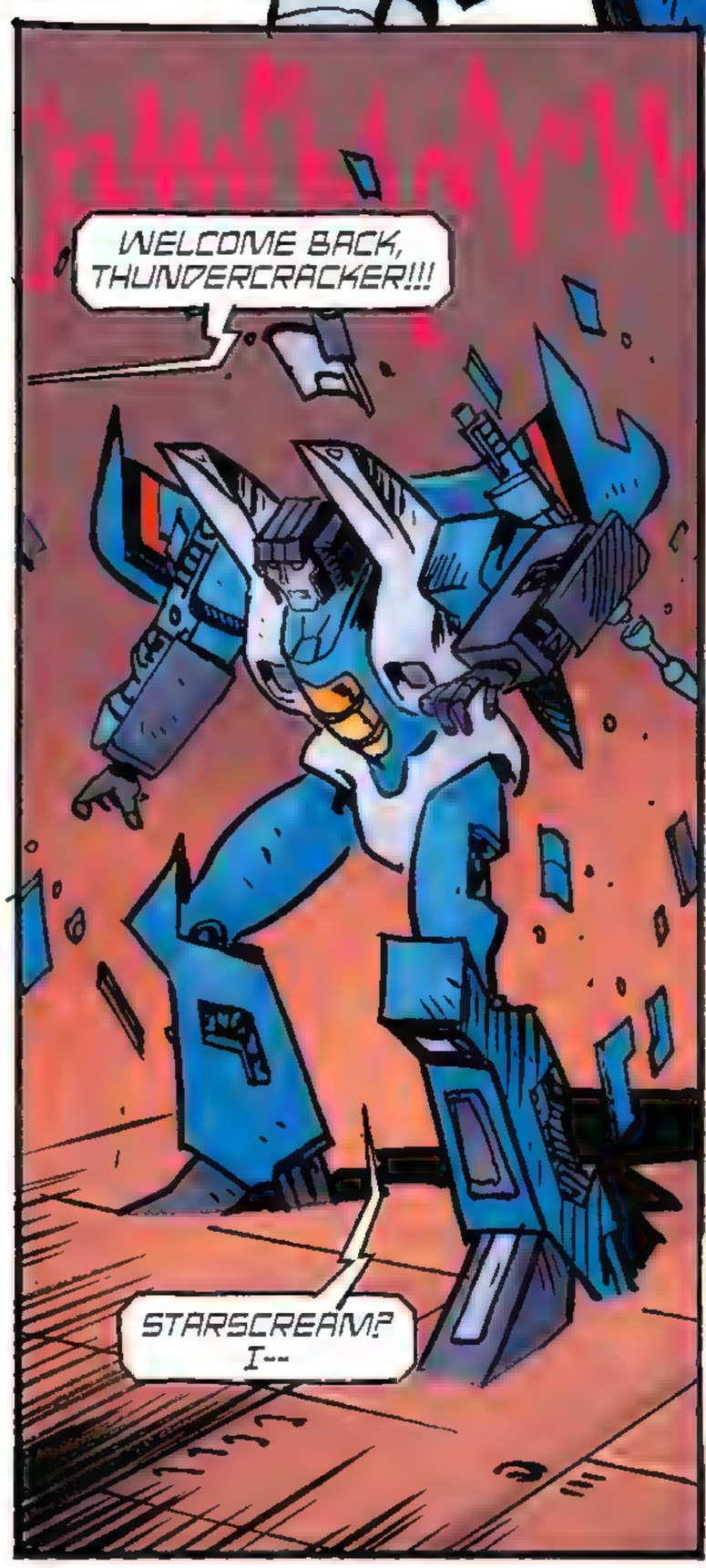
IT WAS ENOUGH.

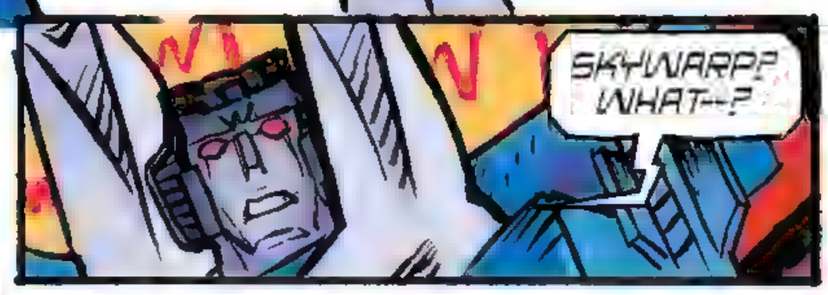


YES! YES! IT'S WORKING!
SKYWARP'S SACRIFICE HAS PROVIDED THE NECESSARY TECH TO BEGIN REBUILDING OUR SOLDIERS. LET US BEGIN WITH--

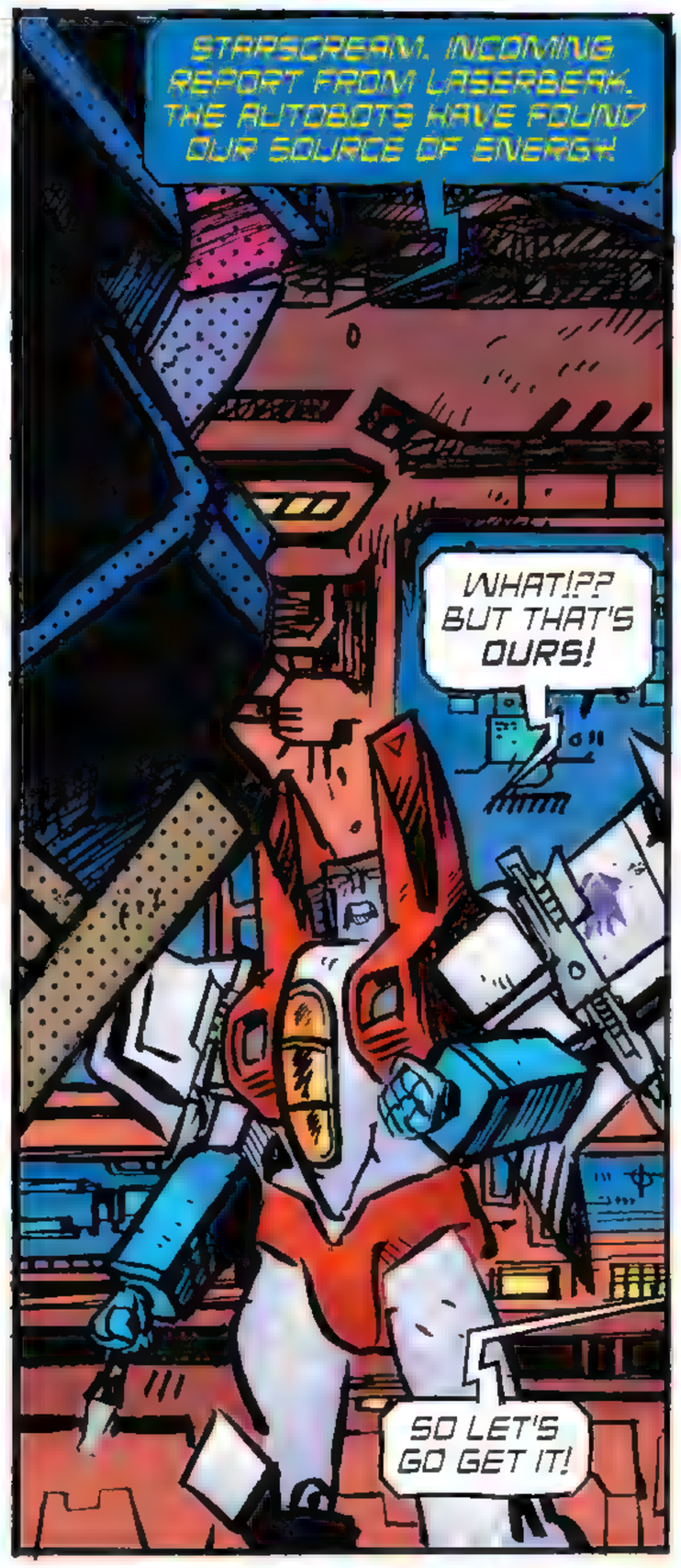

PUNT
WHAT?! YOU WANT TO START WITH THE SMALLEST ONE?
FAT CHANCE!


MORE IS MORE, SOUNDWAVE!


WELCOME BACK, THUNDERCRACKER!!!
STARSCREAM? I--


SKYWARP? WHAT--?

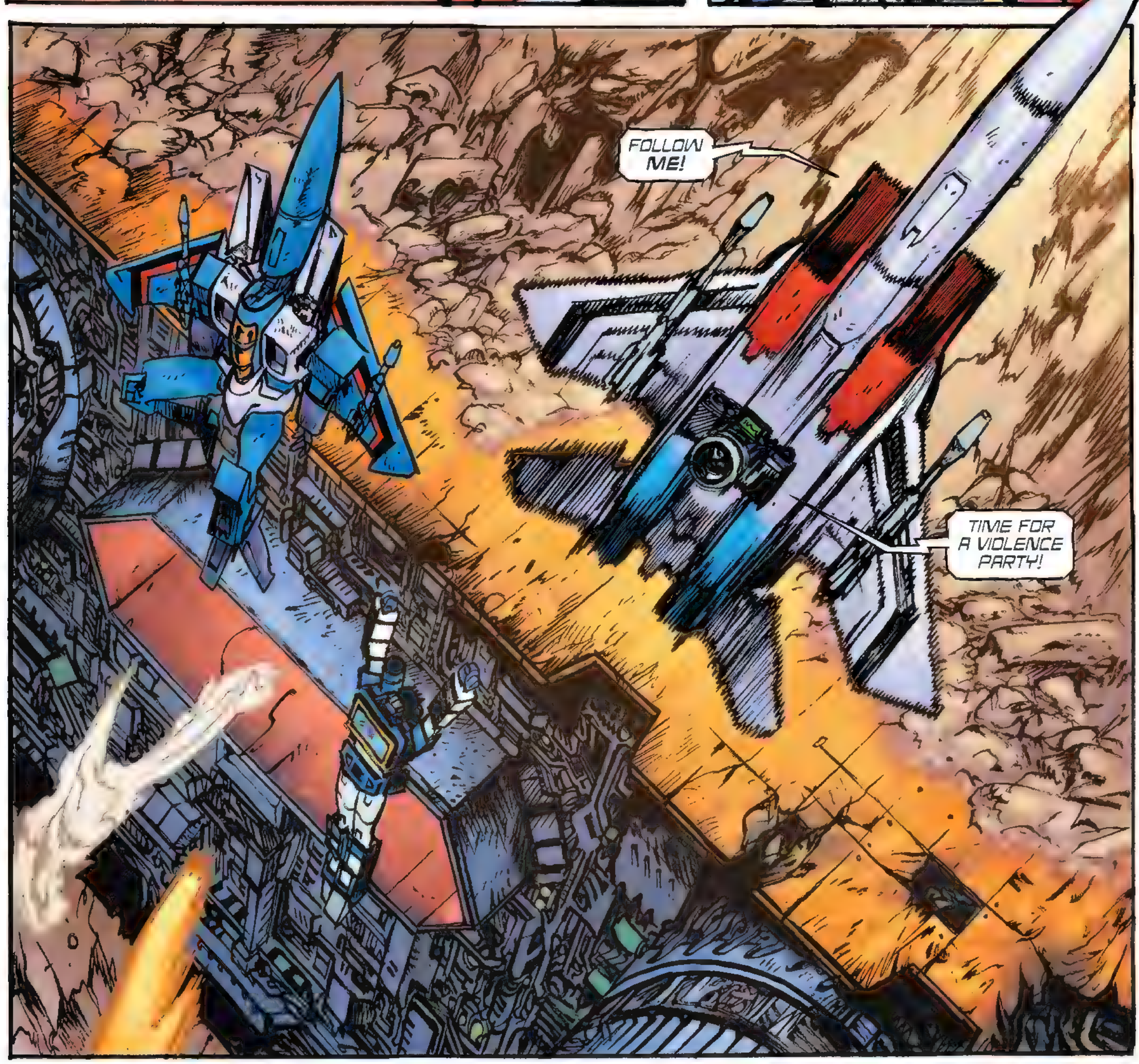
WHAT EVIL AUTOBOT DID THIS TO YOU?
NEVER MIND HIM! HE VOLUNTEERED HIS LIFE FOR THE GREATER DECEPTICON GOOD!

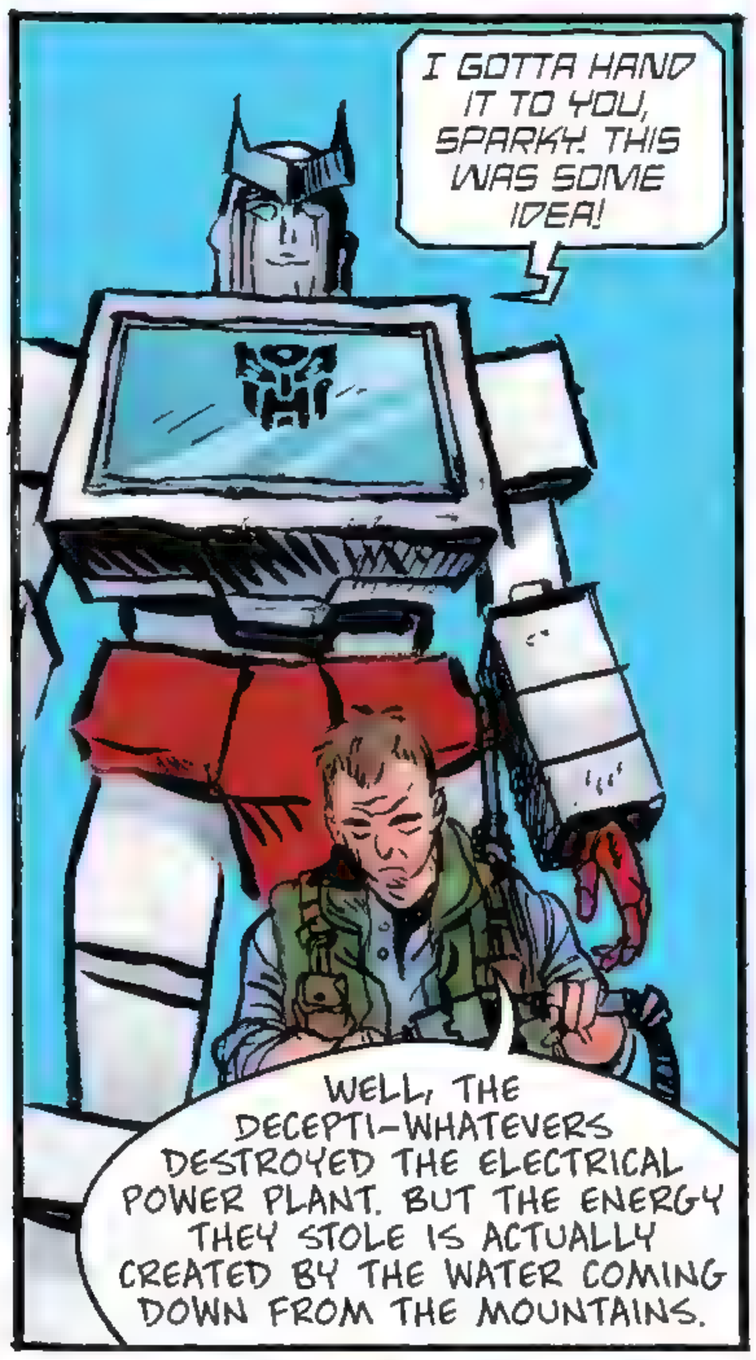

STARSCREAM. INCOMING REPORT FROM LASERBEAK. THE AUTOBOTS HAVE FOUND OUR SOURCE OF ENERGY.
WHAT!?? BUT THAT'S OURS!
SO LET'S GO GET IT!

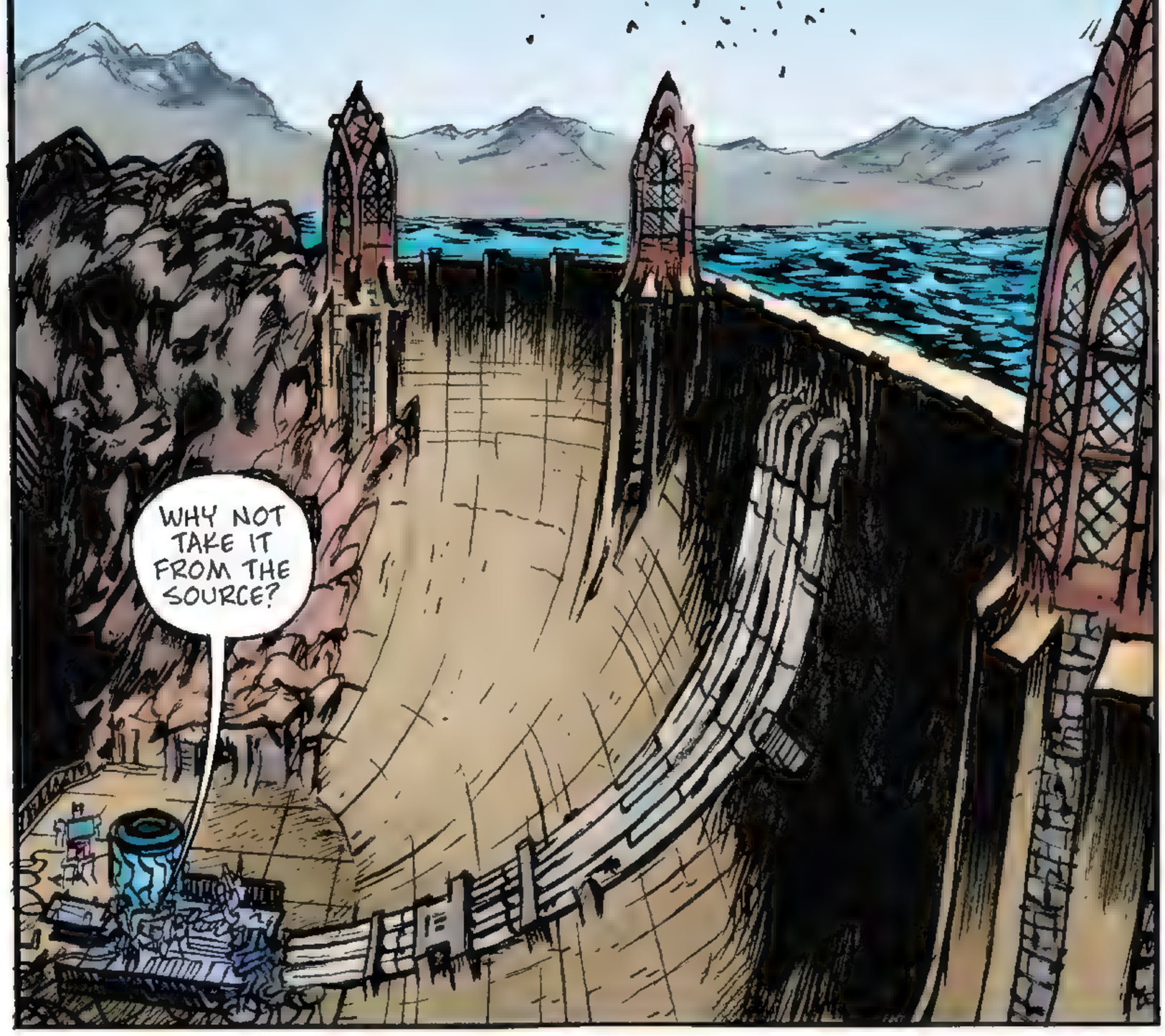
I CONCUR WITH MY SMALL FRIEND.
FRENZY! REFLECTOR!

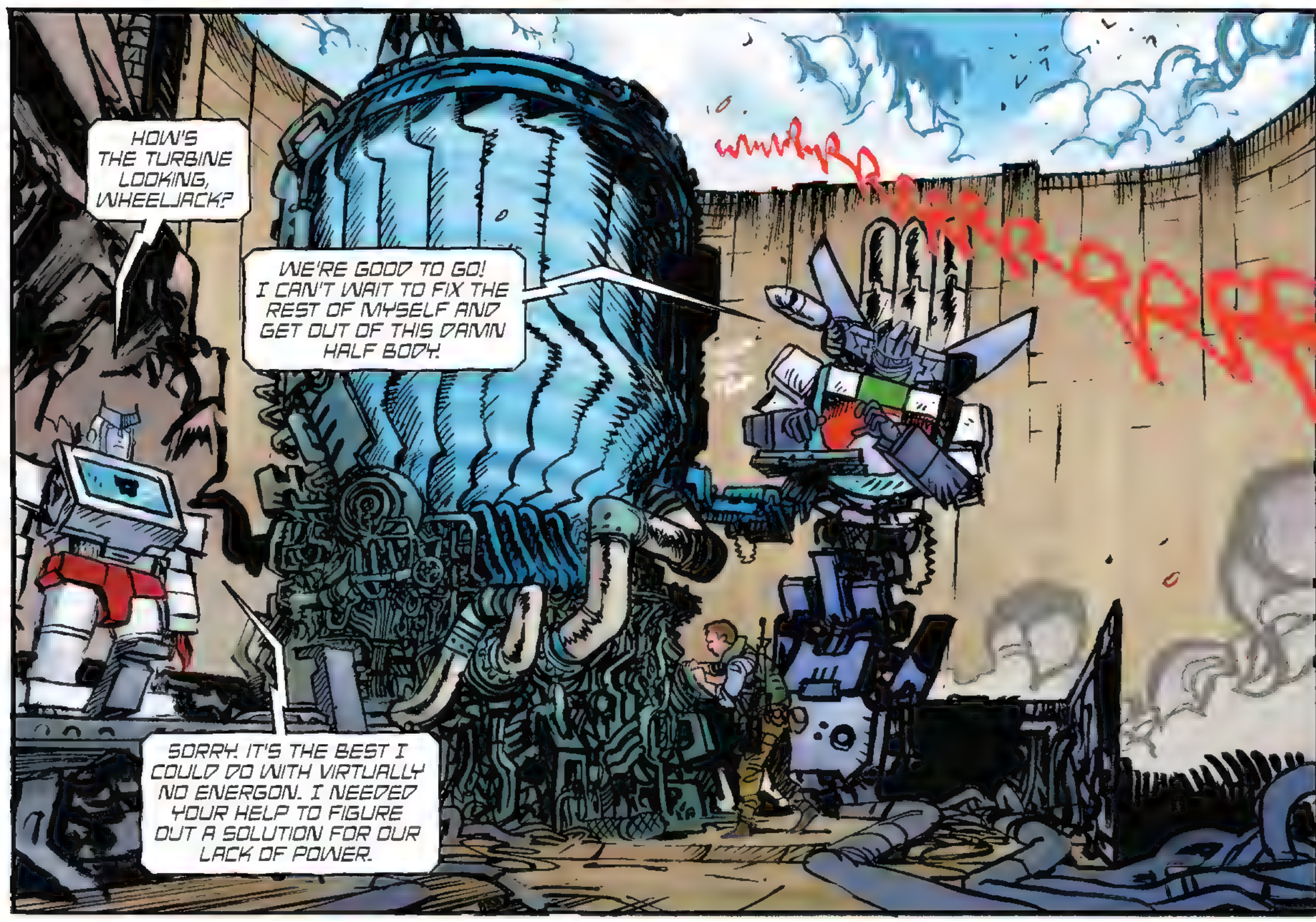
IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK IN FOCUS, STARSCREAM! WHERE IS MEG--

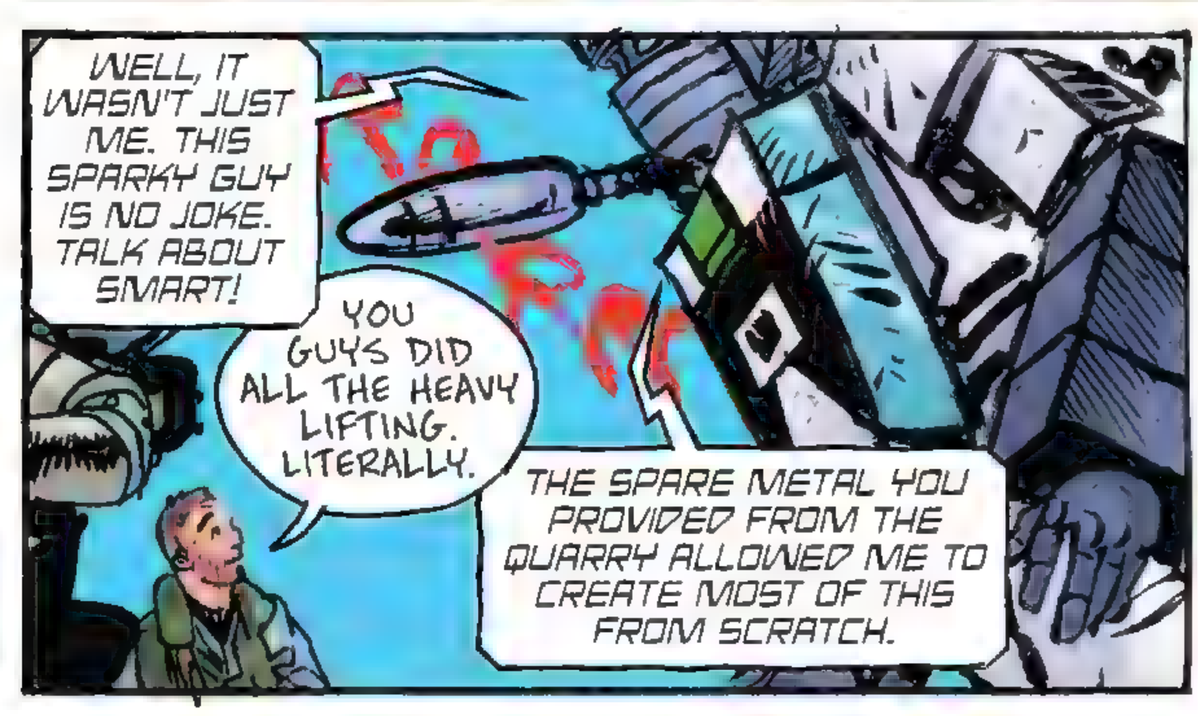
STAY FOCUSED ON THE ENEMY, REFLECTOR! THESE FILTHY AUTOBOTS WANT TO TAKE WHAT MAKES OUR PISTONS MOVE FREELY!
LET US FINALLY WIPE THEM OUT FOR GOOD, AND TAKE THIS TREASURE TROVE OF A PLANET FOR OUR VICIOUS PLEASURE!


FOLLOW ME!
TIME FOR A VIOLENCE PARTY!

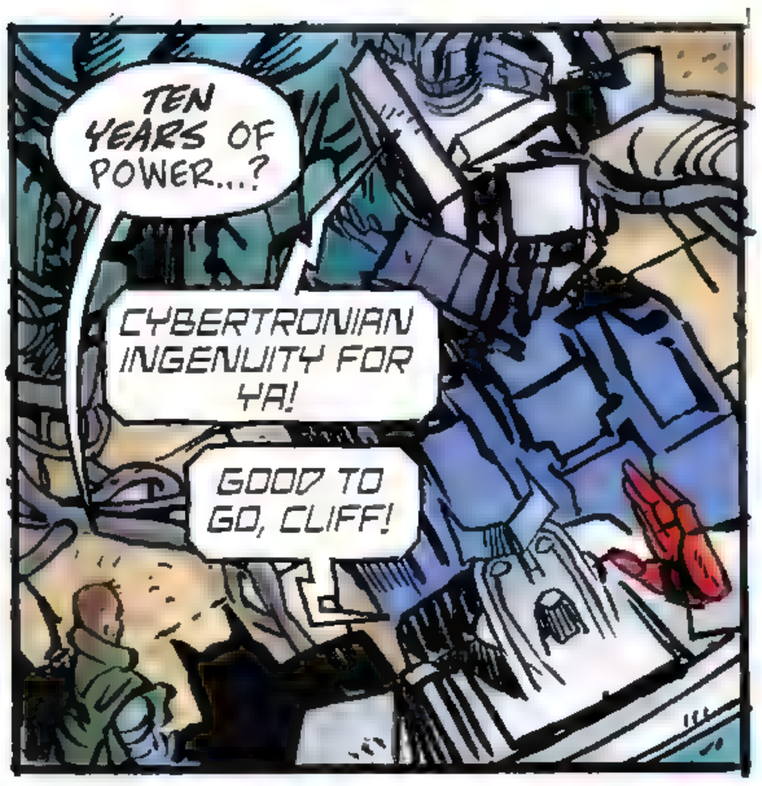

I GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU, SPARKY. THIS WAS SOME IDEA!
WELL, THE DECEPTI-WHATEVERS DESTROYED THE ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT. BUT THE ENERGY THEY STOLE IS ACTUALLY CREATED BY THE WATER COMING DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS.

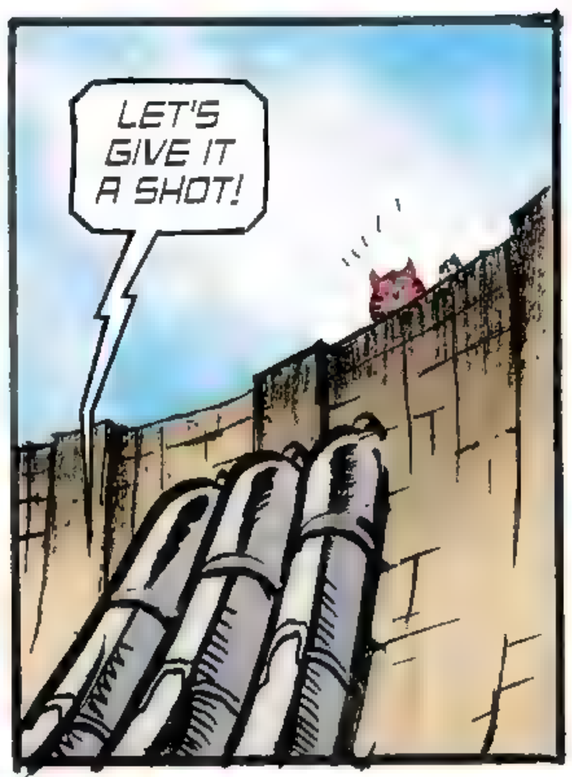

WHY NOT TAKE IT FROM THE SOURCE?


HOW'S THE TURBINE LOOKING, WHEELJACK?
WE'RE GOOD TO GO! I CAN'T WAIT TO FIX THE REST OF MYSELF AND GET OUT OF THIS DAMN HALF BODY.
SORRY. IT'S THE BEST I COULD DO WITH VIRTUALLY NO ENERGON. I NEEDED YOUR HELP TO FIGURE OUT A SOLUTION FOR OUR LACK OF POWER.

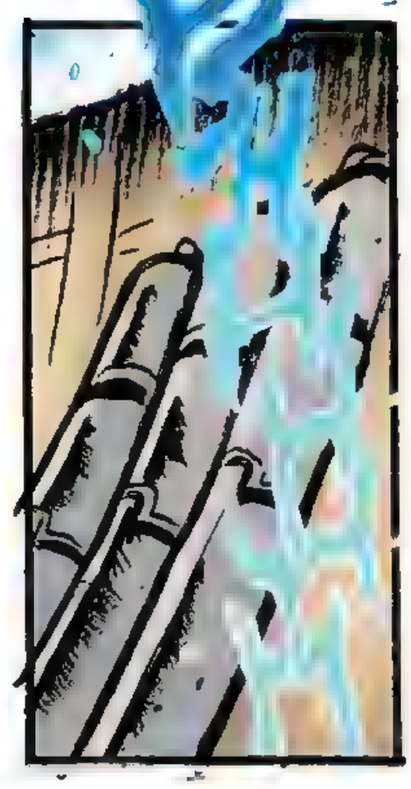

WELL, IT WASN'T JUST ME. THIS SPARKY GUY IS NO JOKE. TALK ABOUT SMART!
YOU GUYS DID ALL THE HEAVY LIFTING. LITERALLY.
THE SPARE METAL YOU PROVIDED FROM THE QUARRY ALLOWED ME TO CREATE MOST OF THIS FROM SCRATCH.

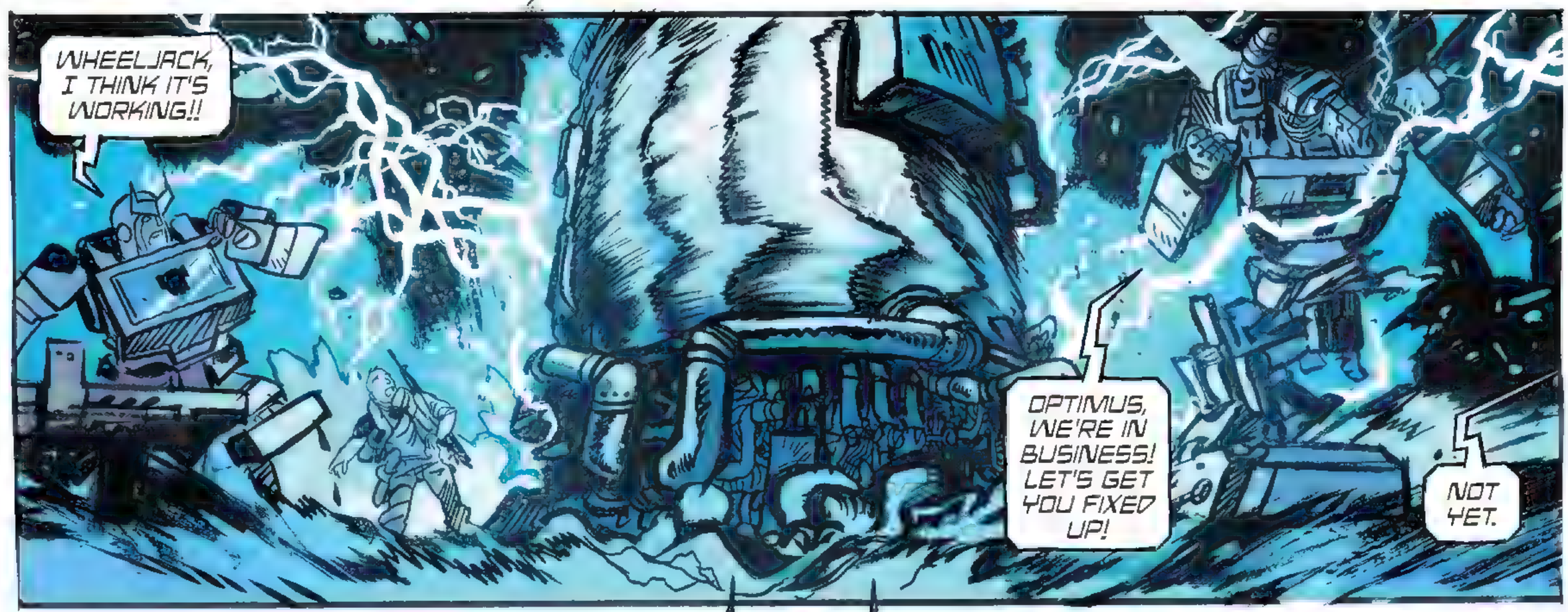
IF THIS WATER TURBINE WORKS, THE ENGINE I CONSTRUCTED INSIDE WON'T JUST FUEL US. YOUR ENTIRE TOWN WILL BE POWERED FOR AT LEAST A DECADE.
A... DECADE?


TEN YEARS OF POWER...?
CYBERTRONIAN INGENUITY FOR YA!
GOOD TO GO, CLIFF!


LET'S GIVE IT A SHOT!

HERE GOES EVERY-THING!
CHK!

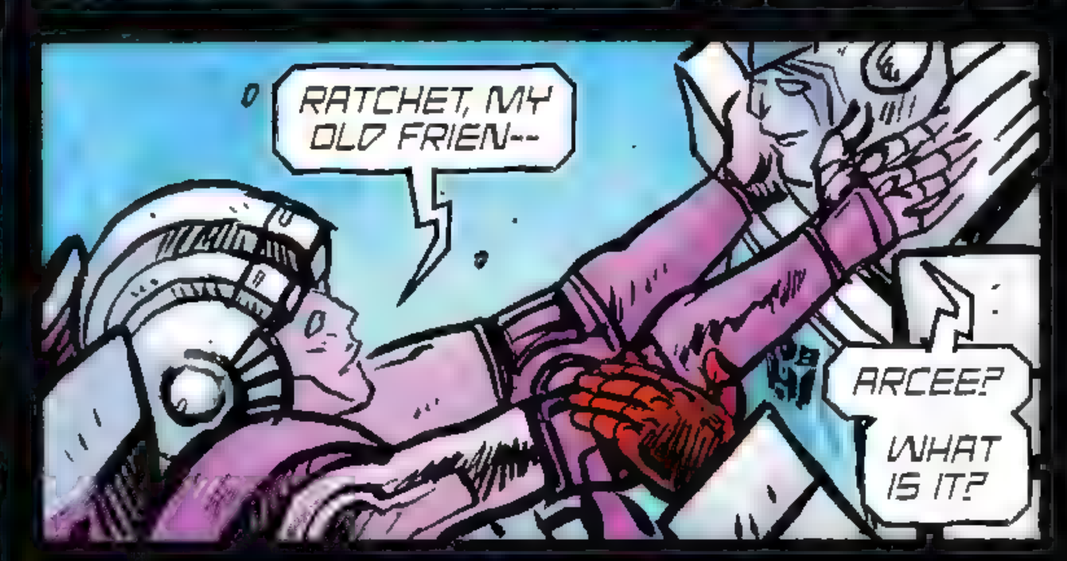



WHEELJACK, I THINK IT'S WORKING!!
OPTIMUS, WE'RE IN BUSINESS! LET'S GET YOU FIXED UP!
NOT YET.

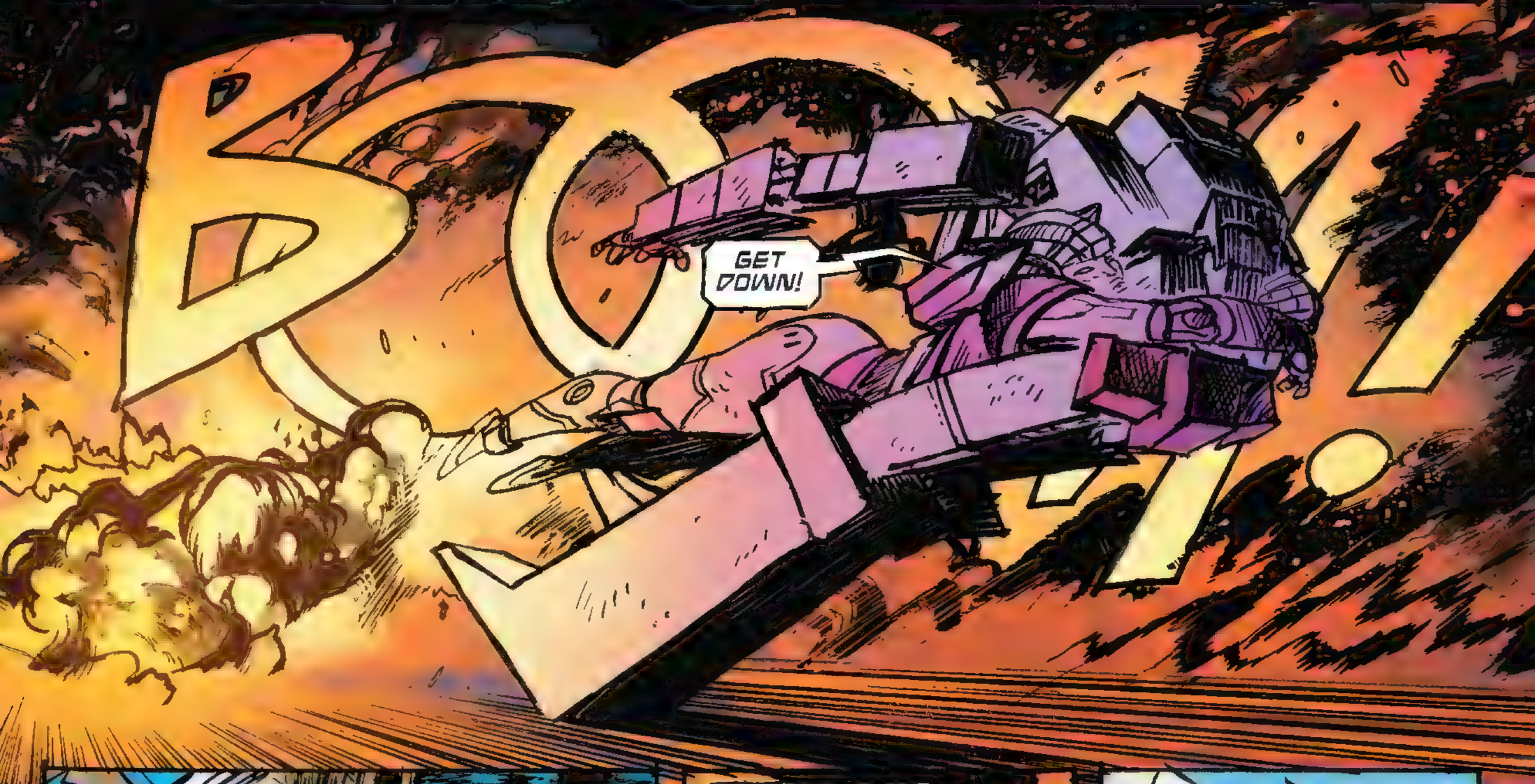
FIRST, OUR WARRIORS.

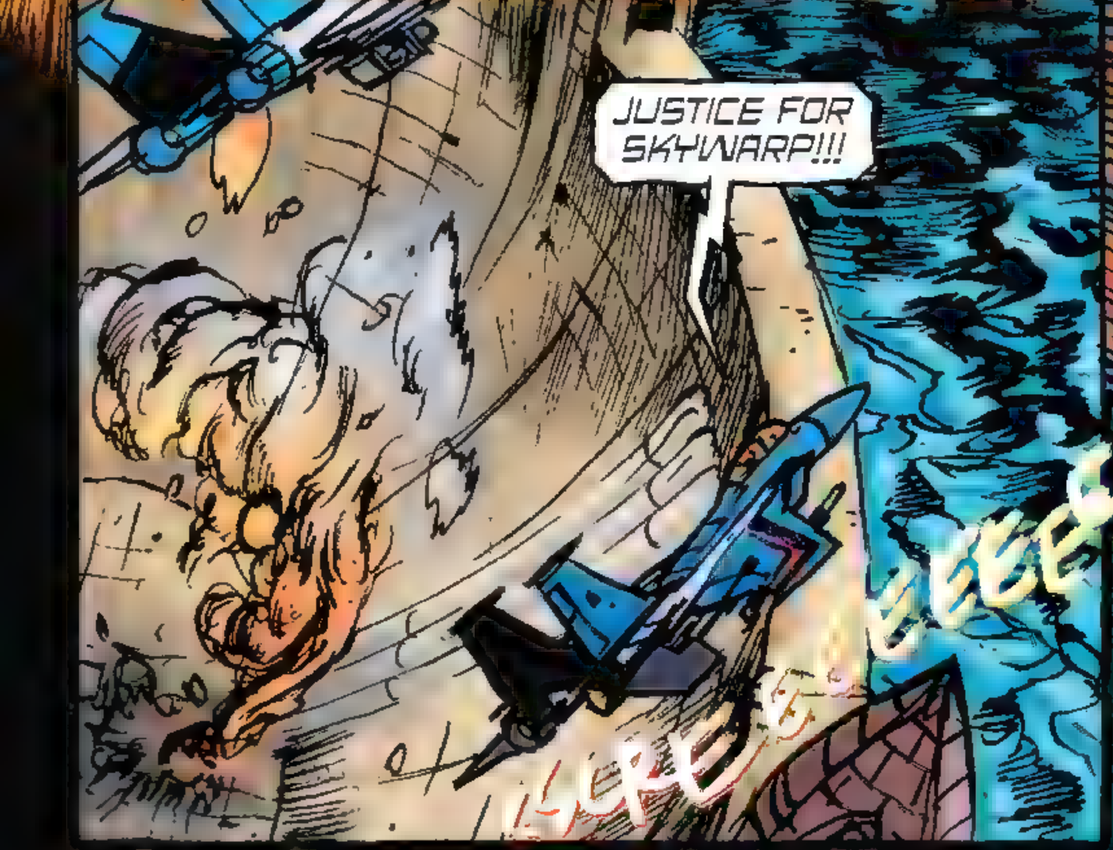
SKRAKKKKT

ARCEE!!! WELCOME BACK, GIRL!

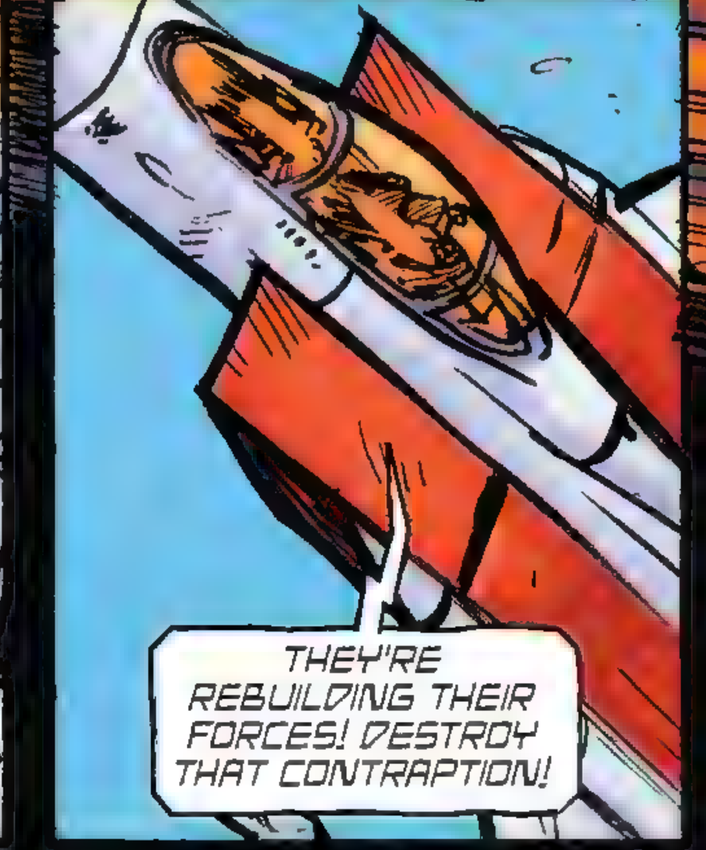

RATCHET, MY OLD FRIEN--
ARCEE? WHAT IS IT?

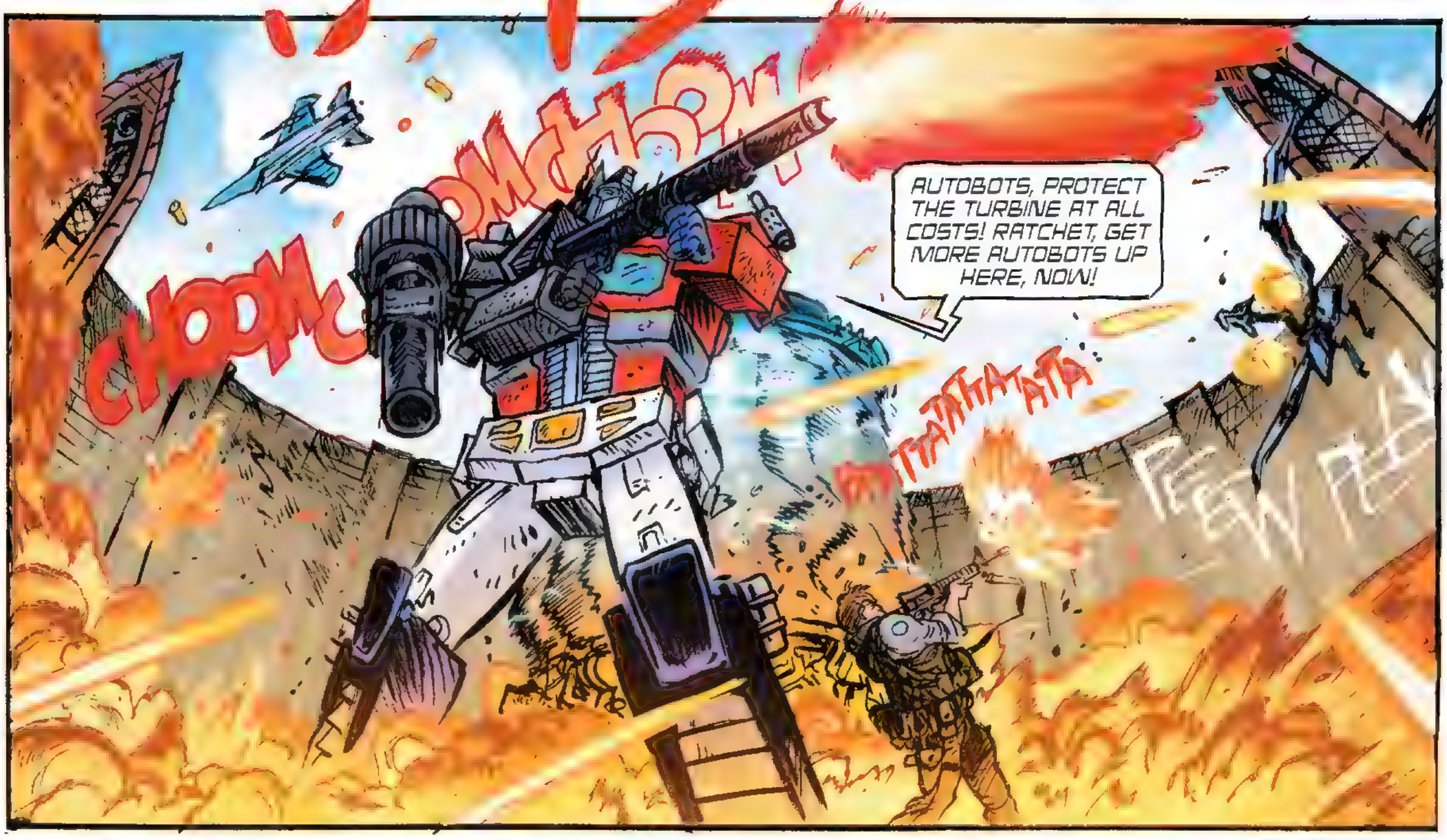
RATCHET...

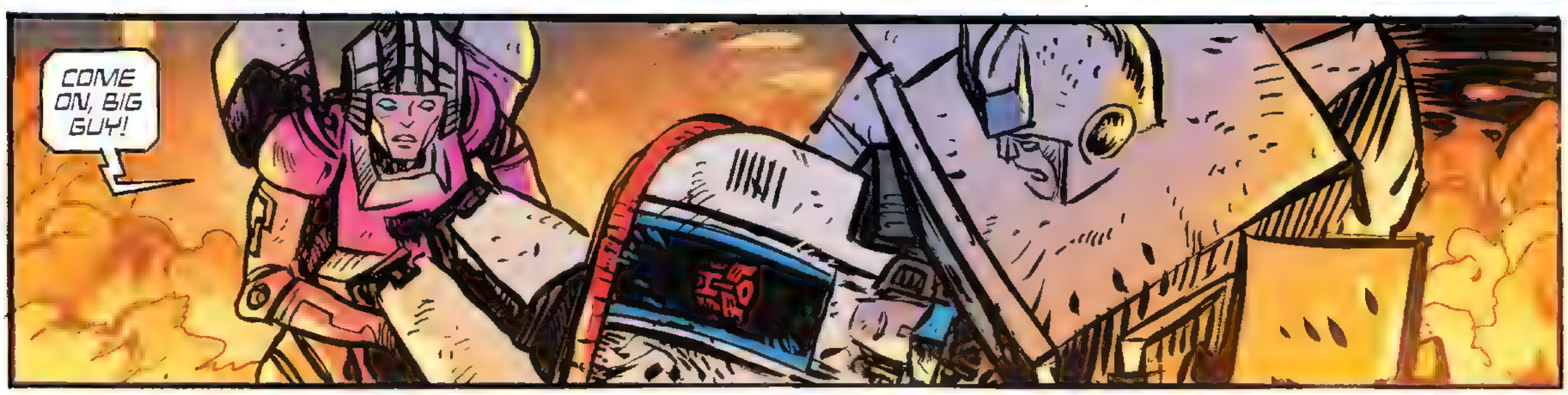

BOOM!
GET DOWN!


JUSTICE FOR SKYWARP!!!
ZEEE
ZEEE

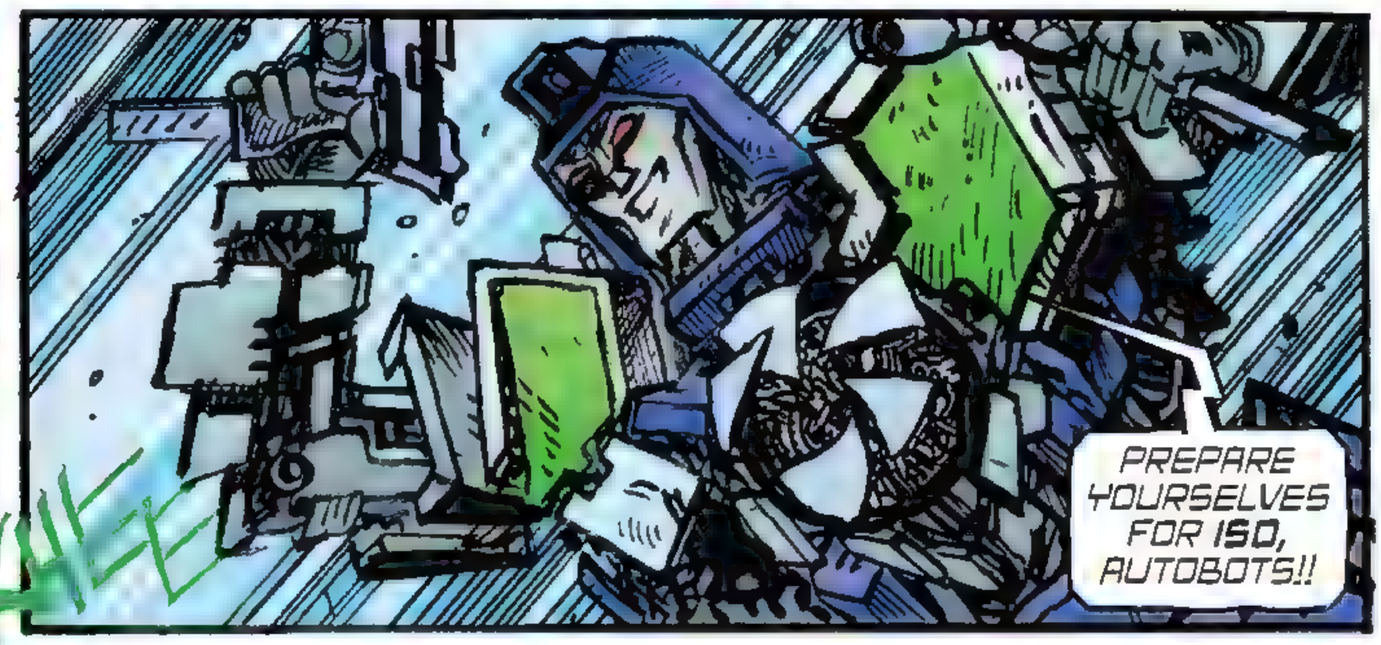
FIRST THING YOU DO AFTER WAKING IS SAVE ME, HUH?
I SEE NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED.

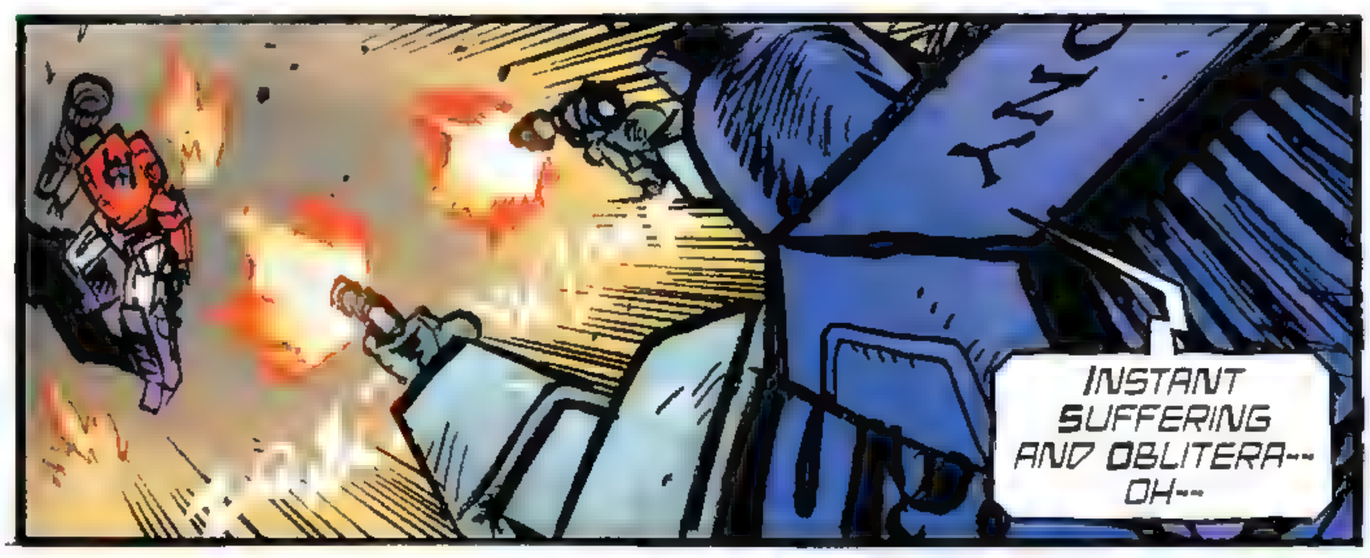

THEY'RE REBUILDING THEIR FORCES! DESTROY THAT CONTRAPTION!

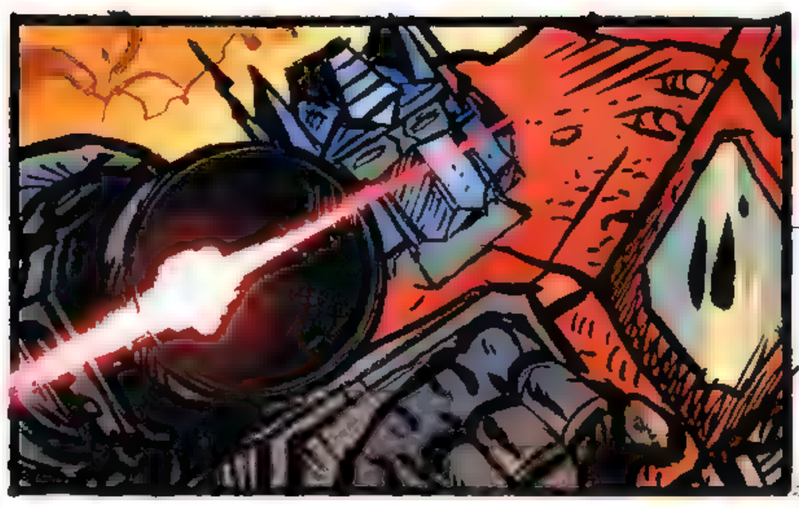

CHOOM
AUTOBOTS, PROTECT THE TURBINE AT ALL COSTS! RATCHET, GET MORE AUTOBOTS UP HERE, NOW!
TATTATATTA

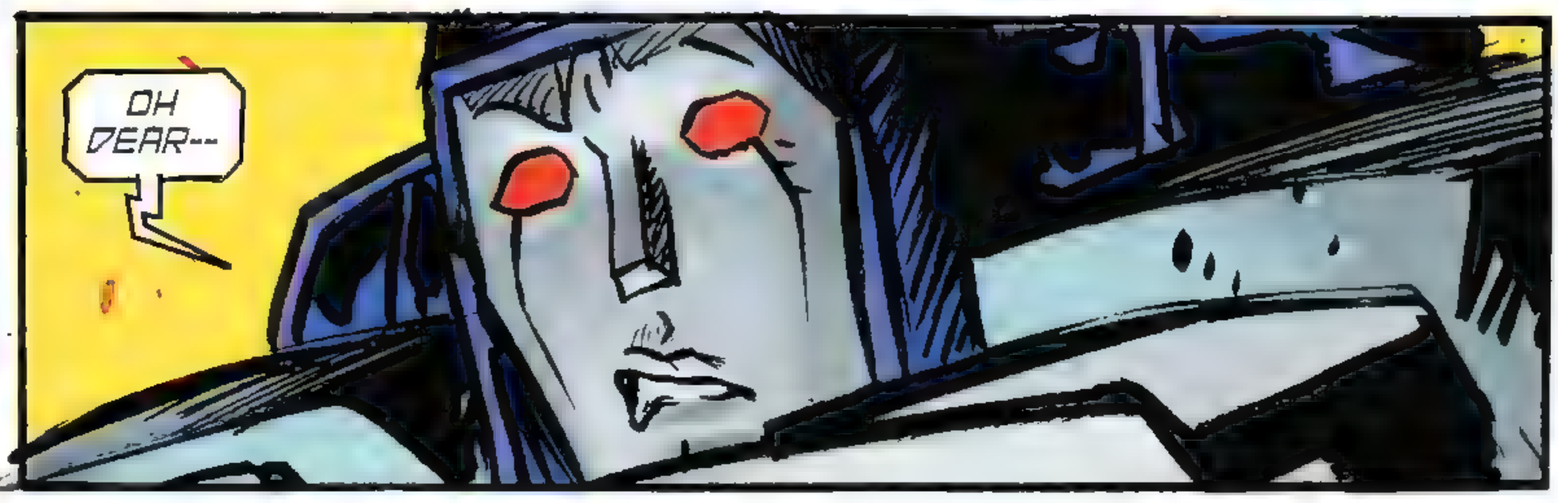

COME ON, BIG GUY!

REFLECTOR, ATTACK!
HAHAHA, YES!
CHEE CHOCHAK

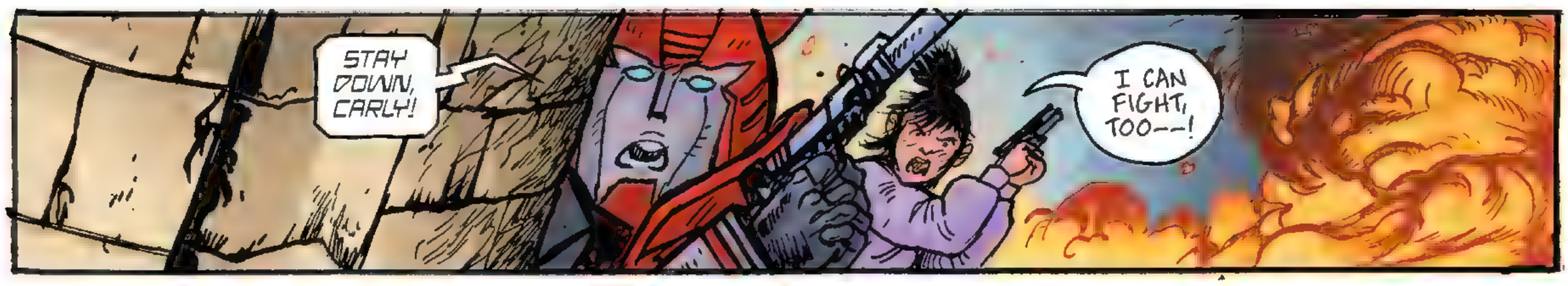

PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR ISO, AUTOBOTS!!


INSTANT SUFFERING AND OBLITERA-- OH--

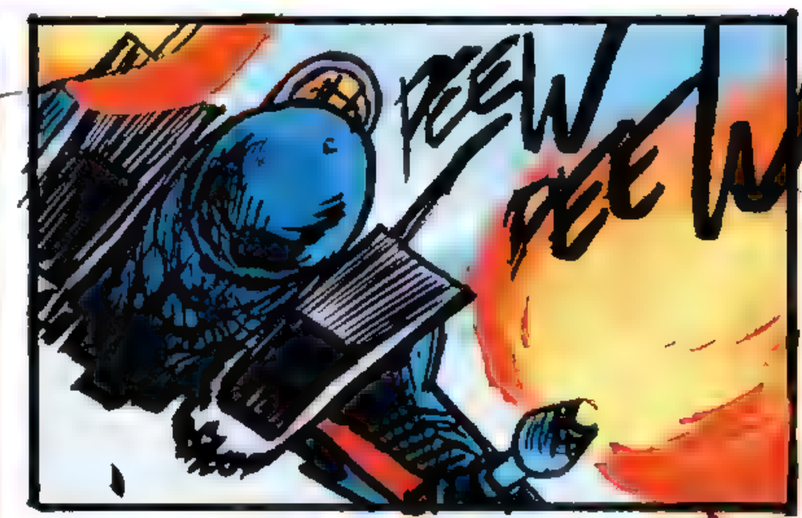



OH DEAR--

SNATCH
ACK!
REFLECTOR--
BUDDY!

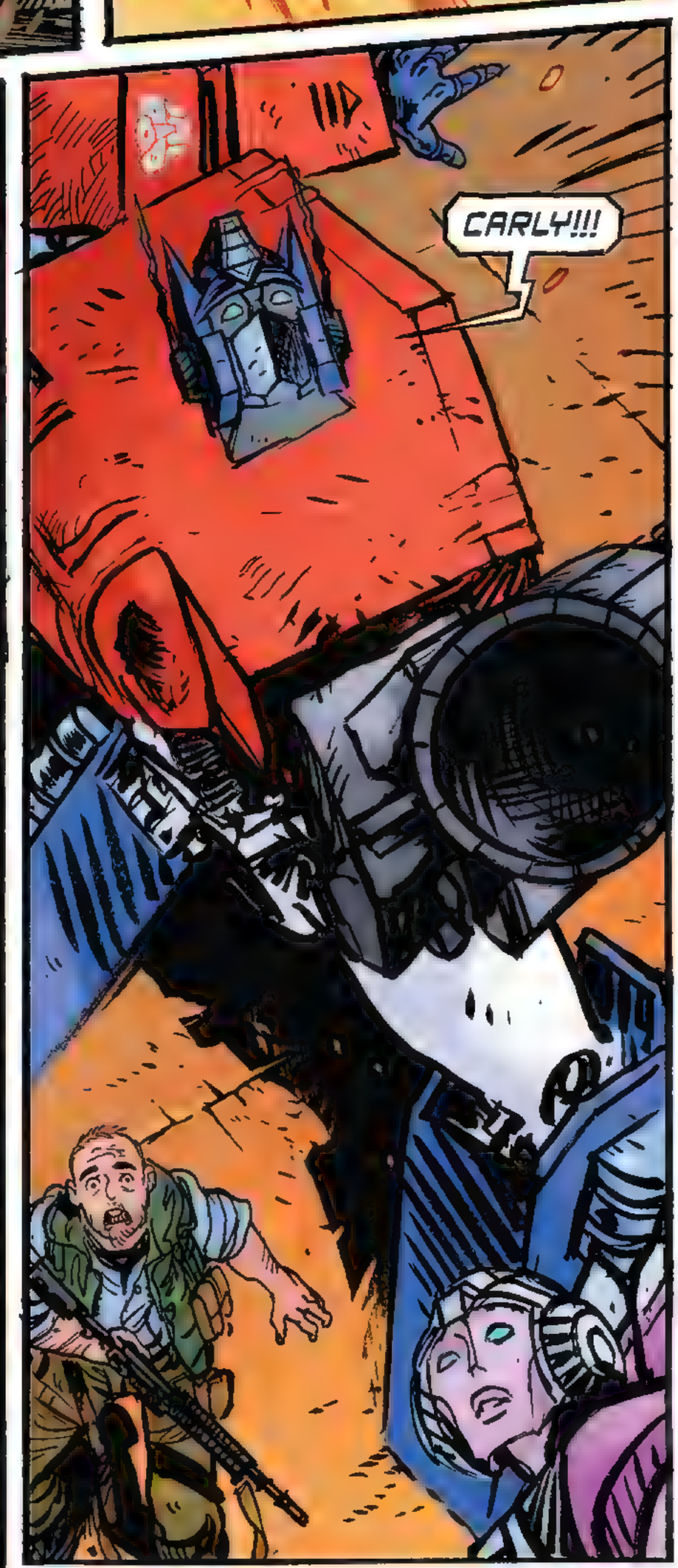

STAY DOWN, CARLY!
I CAN FIGHT, TOO--!

HOW MANY OF THOSE PLANES ARE THERE?
POC! POC! POC!
TOO MANY-- WAIT!

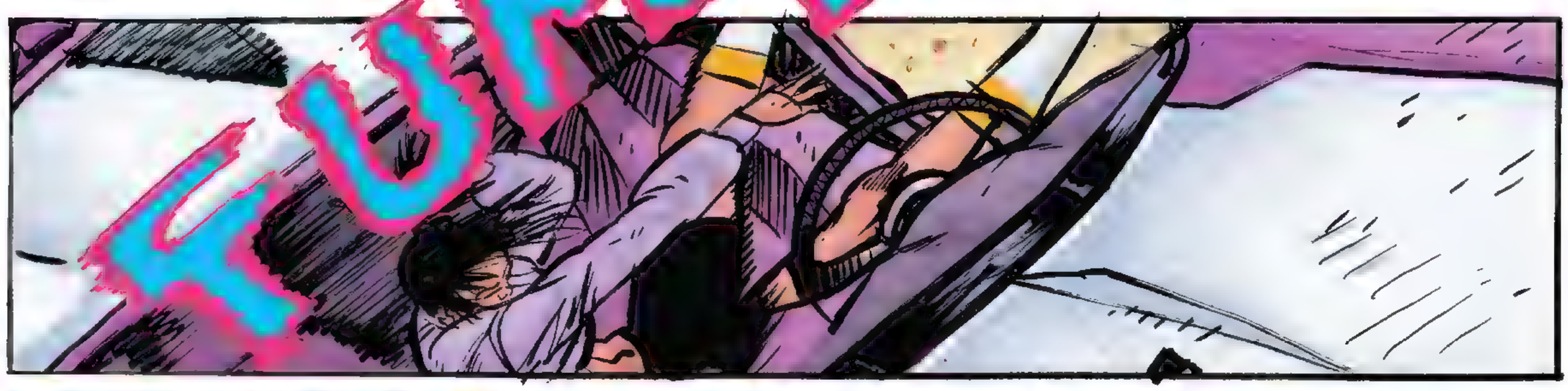

PEEW PEEW

FWOM

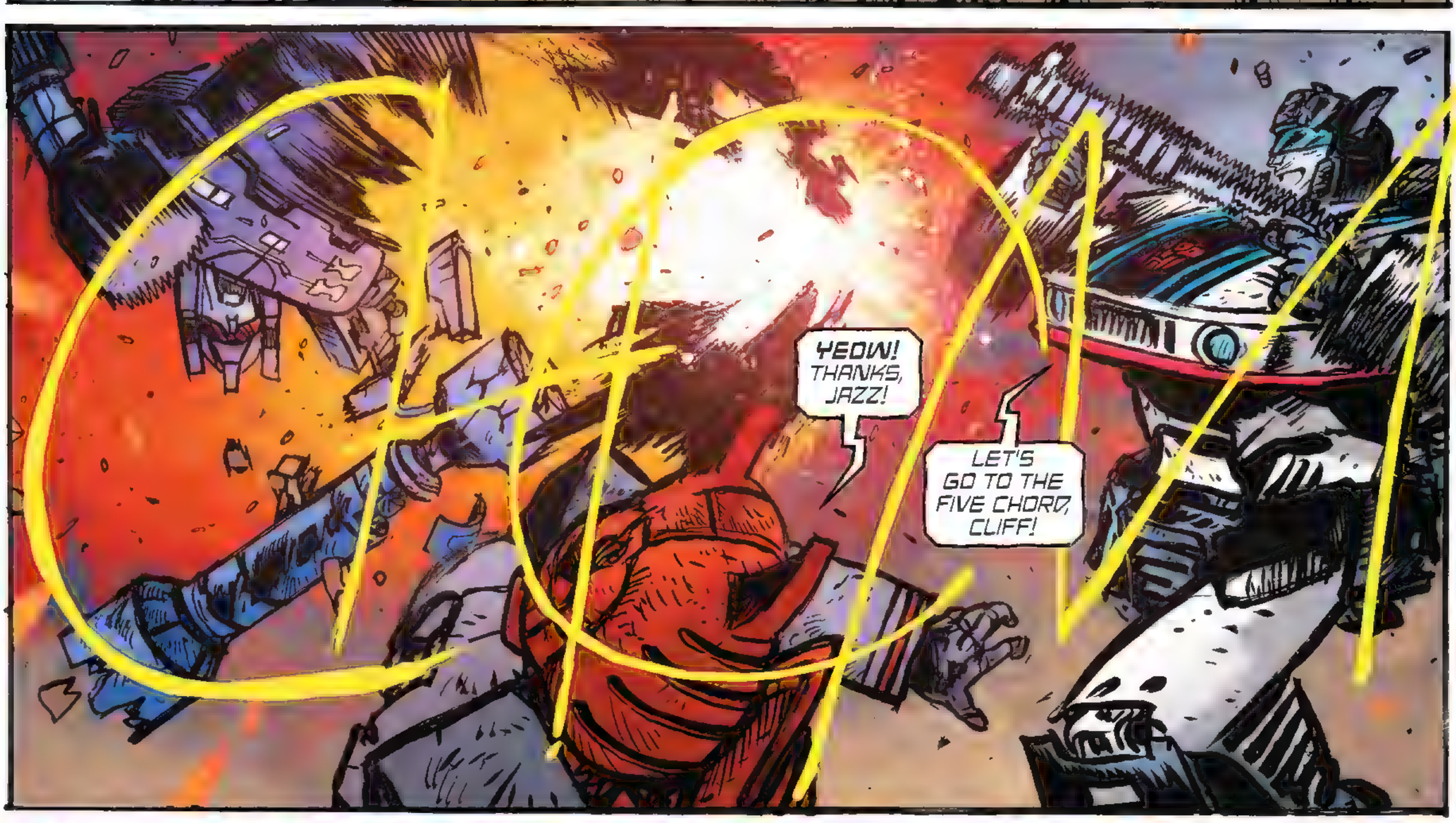
POOM
NO!!!

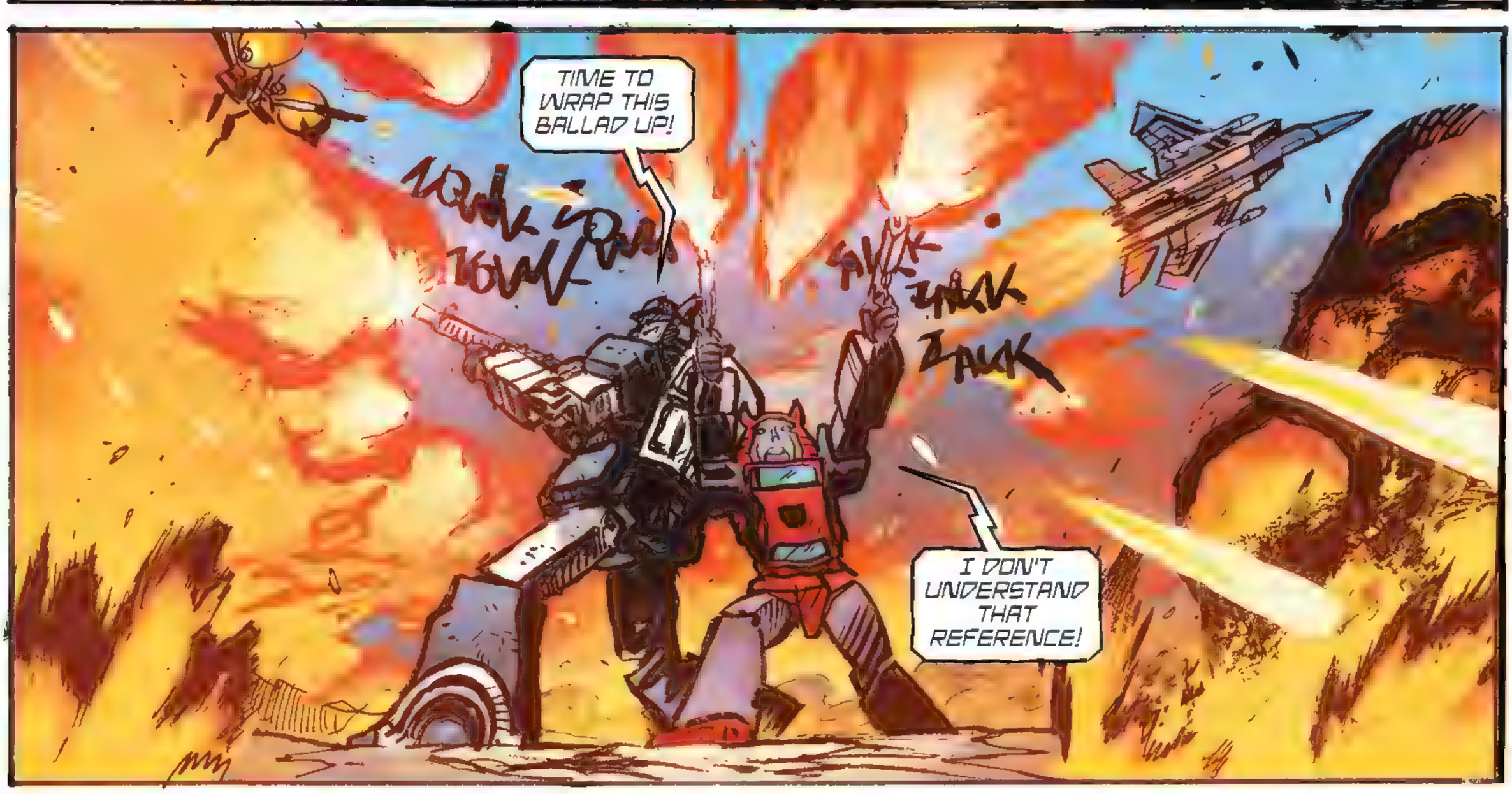

CARLY!!!

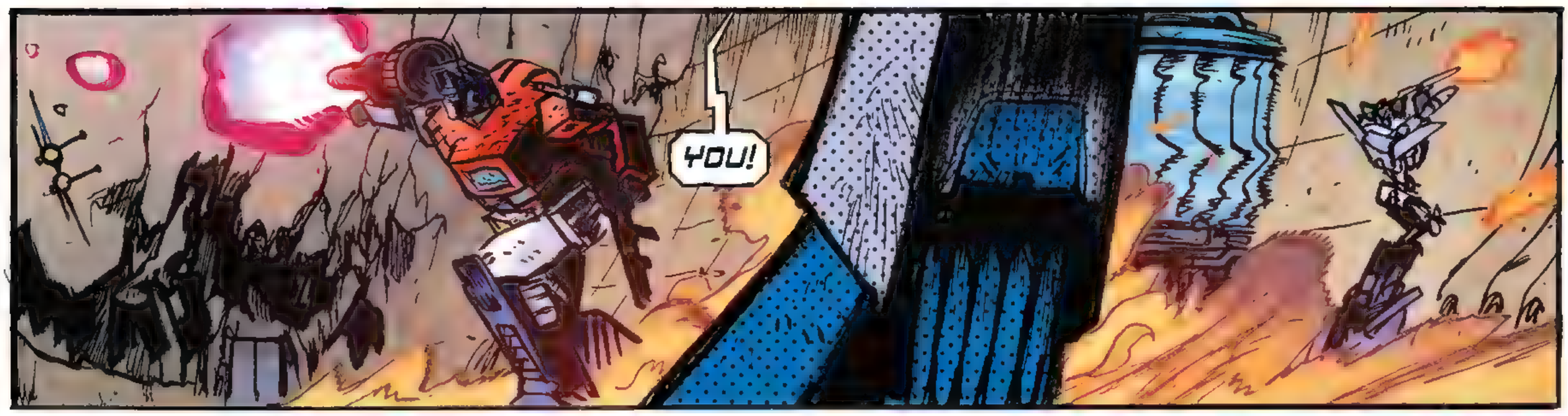
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE...
CHIK
CHAVCHEE VVRRRRRR
BUT IF OPTIMUS CARES ABOUT YOU--
THEN I CARE, TOO.


KUMA!

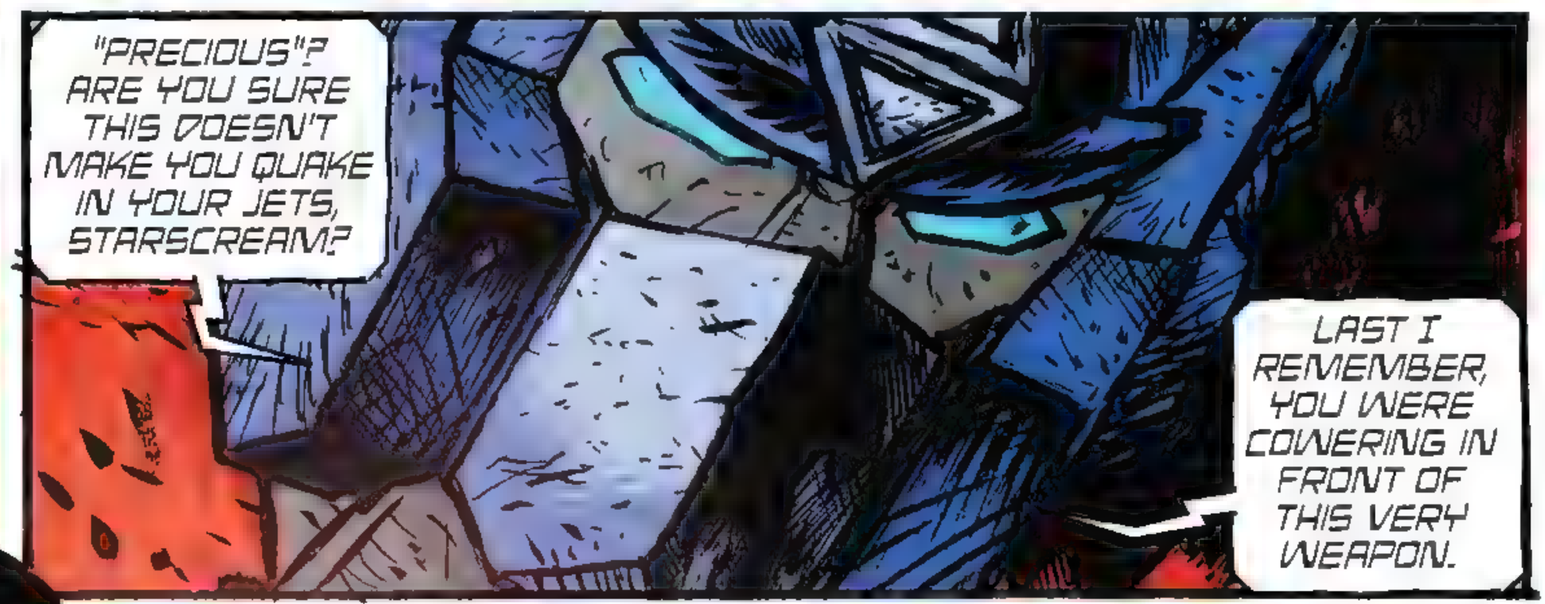
AW, HELL YES! GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, ARCEE!!!
SPRRRMNNNG


YEOW! THANKS, JAZZ!
LET'S GO TO THE FIVE CHORD CLIFF!


TIME TO WRAP THIS BALLAD UP!
ZAUK
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT REFERENCE!


YOU!

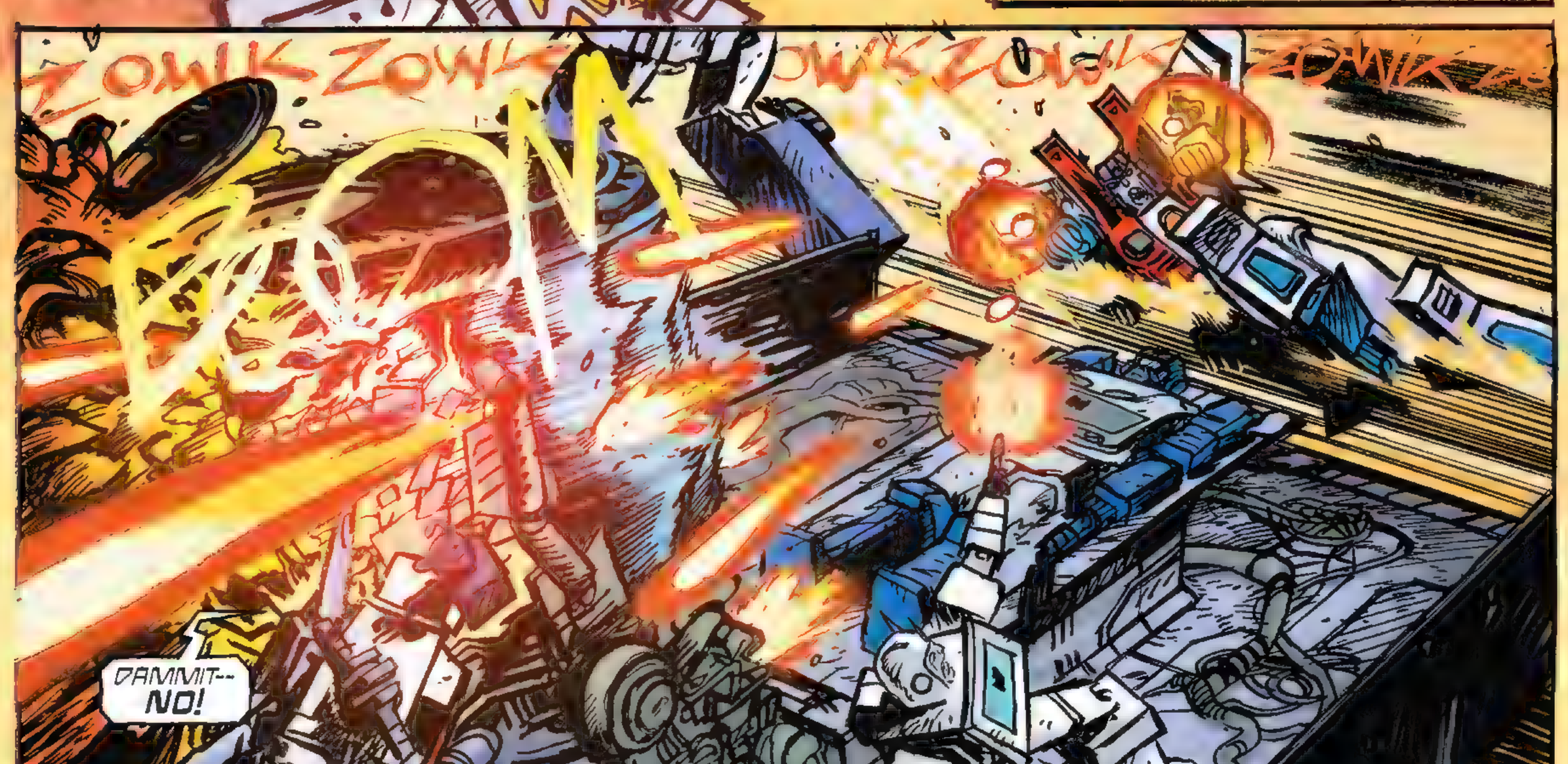
TAKING SOMETHING SO PRECIOUS AND USING IT FOR YOUR OWN EVIL PURPOSE!


"PRECIOUS"? ARE YOU SURE THIS DOESN'T MAKE YOU QUAKE IN YOUR JETS, STARSCREAM?
LAST I REMEMBER, YOU WERE COWERING IN FRONT OF THIS VERY WEAPON.

A CONSTANT REMINDER OF WHAT YOU'LL NEVER BE.

GRAHHHHH!

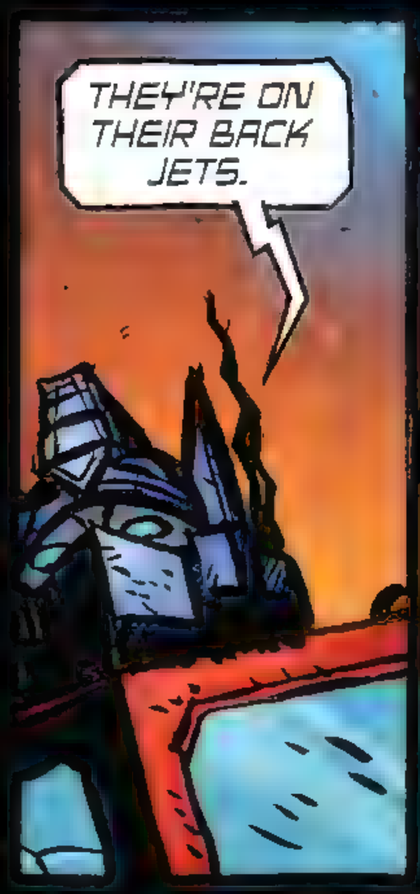
DUCK

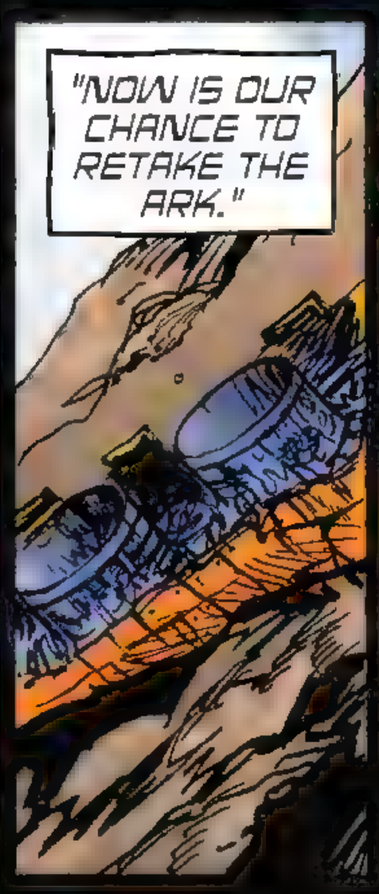

ZOWIK ZOWIK
ZOWIK
DAMMIT-- NO!

VICTORY! VICTORY FOR THE DEC--

-SUKKK!-

D-DECEPTIONS! WE MUST GET BACK--TO OUR BASE!!! -UNGH- RETREAT!





NOT WITHOUT *ME*, YOU DON'T.

YOU CAN'T COME WITH US, CARLY. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS. IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU--

THEN SO WHAT? SPIKE'S IN A COMA. MY FAMILY'S GONE. I DESERVE TO SEE THIS TO THE END, SPARKY.

NOT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TO SPIKE. YOU'RE TOO PRECIOUS TO US. TO ALL OF US.

BU--

I'M SORRY, CARLY.

NO--

ROLL OUT! FOR CYBERTRON, AND FOR EARTH!

WAIT. PLEASE.

WHOA!

KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN SO THEY DON'T SEE YOU!

CLIFF, WHAT--

YOU'RE RIGHT, CARLY. YOU SHOULD BE THERE WHEN WE FINALLY STOP THE DECEPTICONS FOR GOOD.

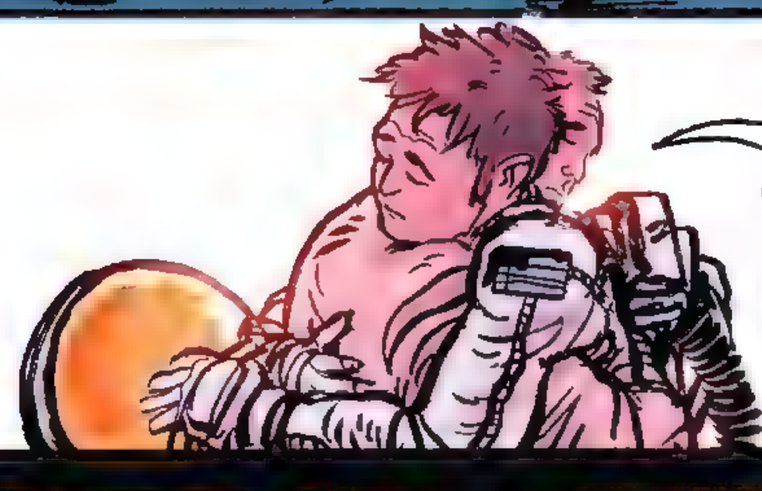
"ENGAGING TACTICAL SCANS..."

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A DRIVABLE PATH TO THE LEFT BAY DOORS! FOLLOW ME!

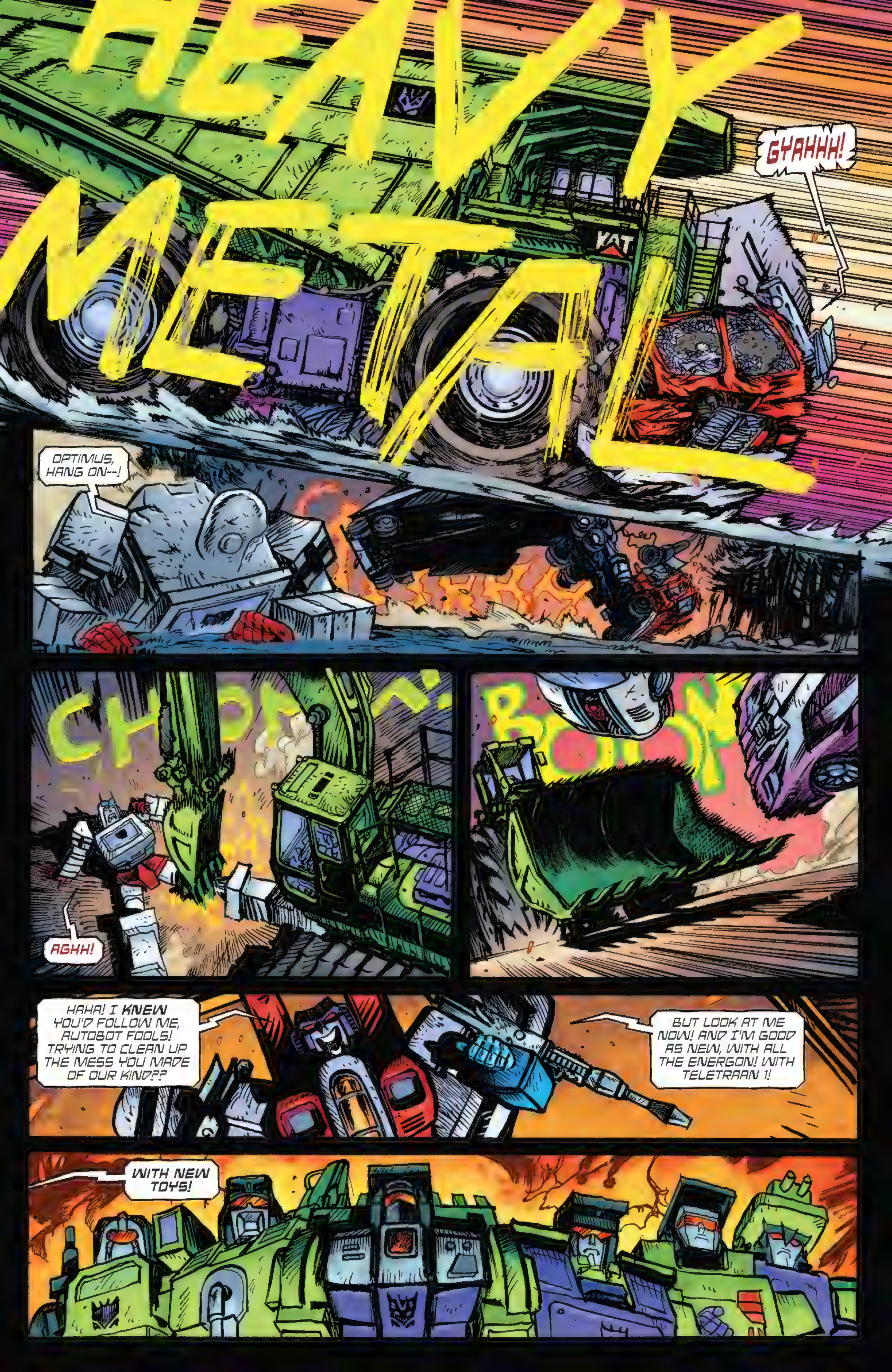
IS THAT... YOURS?

YES.

THE VESSEL THAT BROUGHT US TO YOUR PLANET.



"ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SPARKY?"

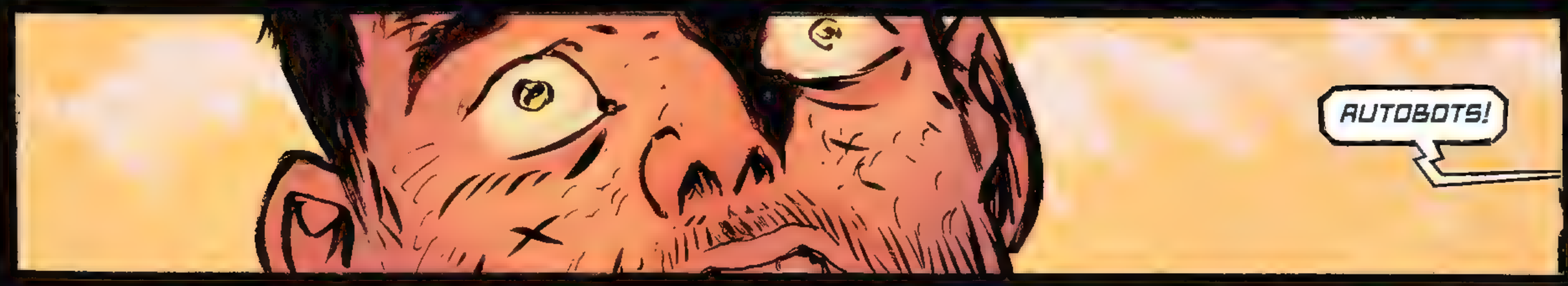

REALITY
MEGA
GYAHHH!
KAT
OPTIMUS, HANG ON--!
CHOMP!
AGHH!
BOOM
HAHA! I KNEW YOU'D FOLLOW ME, AUTOBOT FOOLS! TRYING TO CLEAN UP THE MESS YOU MADE OF OUR KIND??
BUT LOOK AT ME NOW! AND I'M GOOD AS NEW, WITH ALL THE ENERGON! WITH TELETRAAN 1!
WITH NEW TOYS!

CONSTRUCTICONS!
CHK GLAKT.
MERGE INTO...
SWOOSH
70
RRRRT

DEVASTATOR!

DON'T WORRY, DAD.

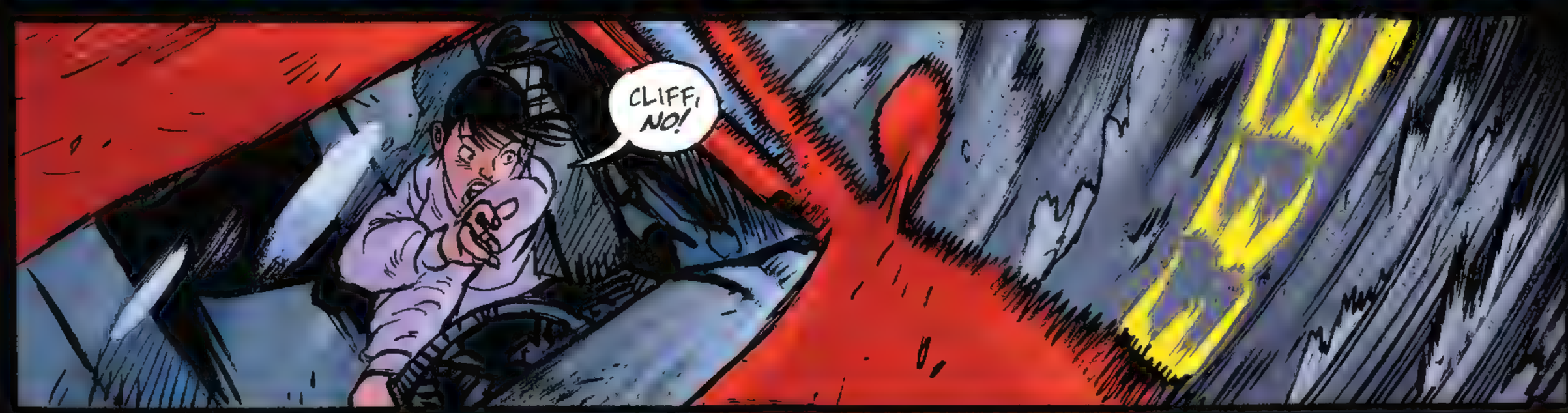
"NOTHING BAD IS GOING TO HAPPEN."


AUTOBOTS!

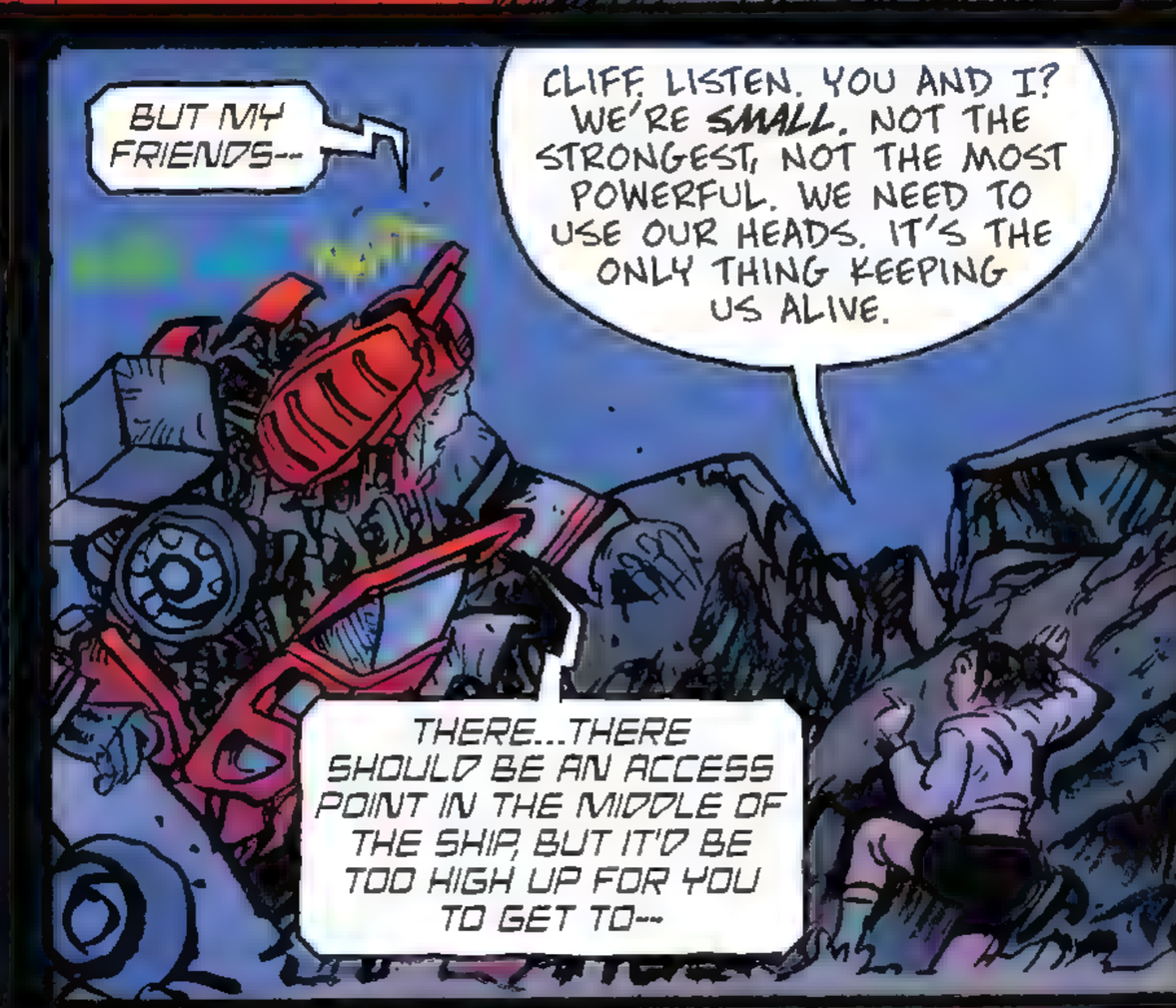
WE NEED COVER!
ZOW
ZOW

TO THE ARK! HURRY!

OPTIMUS, WE'RE COMING!


CLIFF, NO!

CARLY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
CLIFFJUMPER, THINK! WE CAN'T FIGHT THAT THING HEAD-ON! IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY INTO THAT--SHIP-THING? WHERE WE COULD FIND MORE FIREPOWER?


BUT MY FRIENDS--
CLIFF, LISTEN. YOU AND I? WE'RE SMALL. NOT THE STRONGEST, NOT THE MOST POWERFUL. WE NEED TO USE OUR HEADS. IT'S THE ONLY THING KEEPING US ALIVE.
THERE...THERE SHOULD BE AN ACCESS POINT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SHIP, BUT IT'D BE TOO HIGH UP FOR YOU TO GET TO--

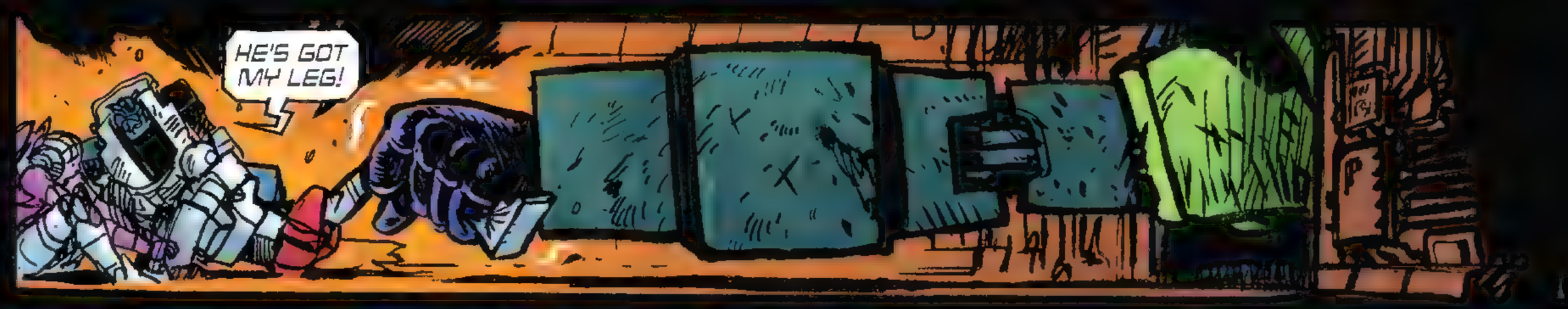
SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

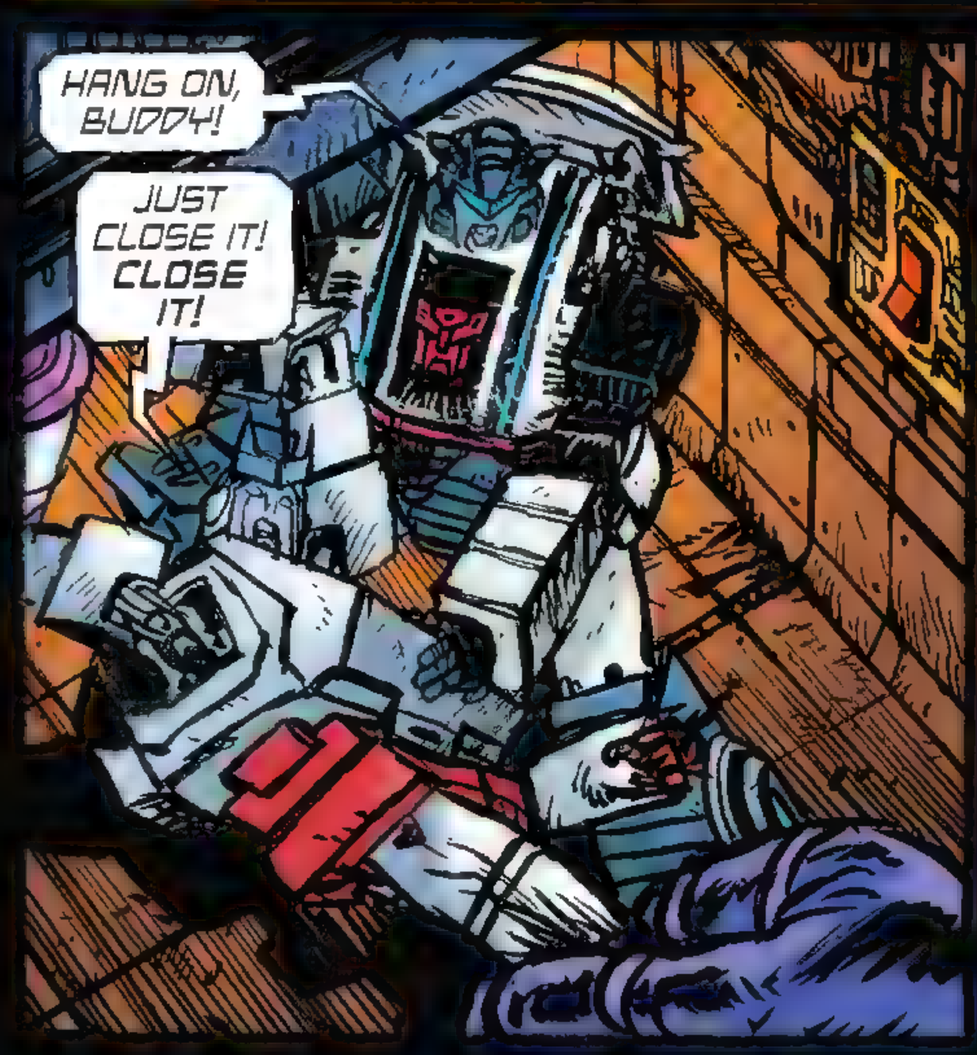
COME ON! LET'S GO!

STOMP! STOMP! STOMP!
HAHA! KILL! KILL! KILL!
EH?
THIS WAY, AUTOBOTS!
YOU WILL PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID TO SKYWARP!
ZAP ZAP ZAP
SPARKY, WATCH OUT!
ZAP ZAP ZAP

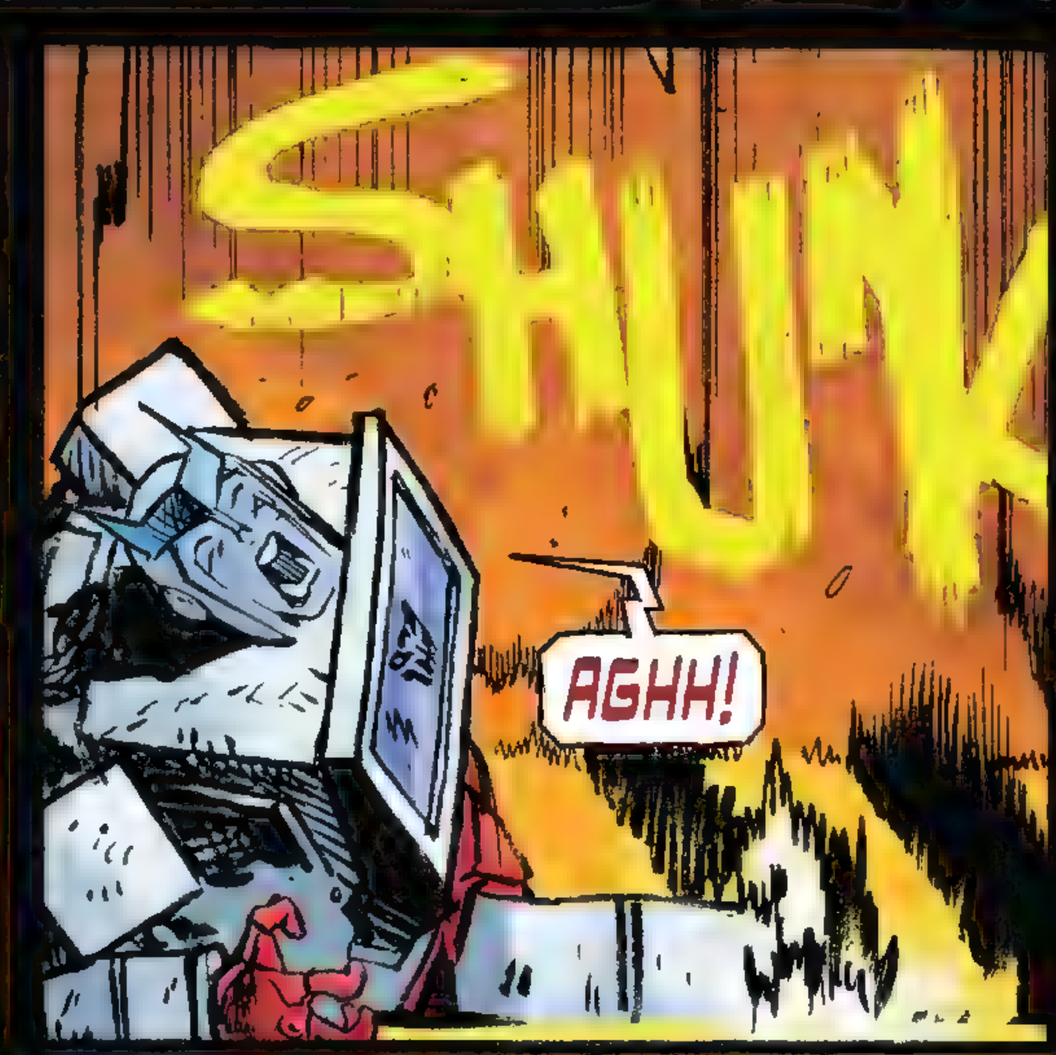
GOT YOU!
SNATCH
HOLY--!
DEVASTATOR, THE REST OF THE AUTOBOTS! THEY'RE GETTING INSIDE--
WAIT! WATCH WHERE YOU--
ROW
AIEEE!
SMALL! WEAK! FEEBLE!
SOW

NOW! TOGETHER!
BOHM
OH, OPTIMUS...
ARCEE!
THIS ISN'T WORKING!
JUST KEEP SHOOTING!
POW!
I CAN'T CRAWL FAST ENOUGH! HE'S GONNA--
AIEEE!!!
RATCHET!

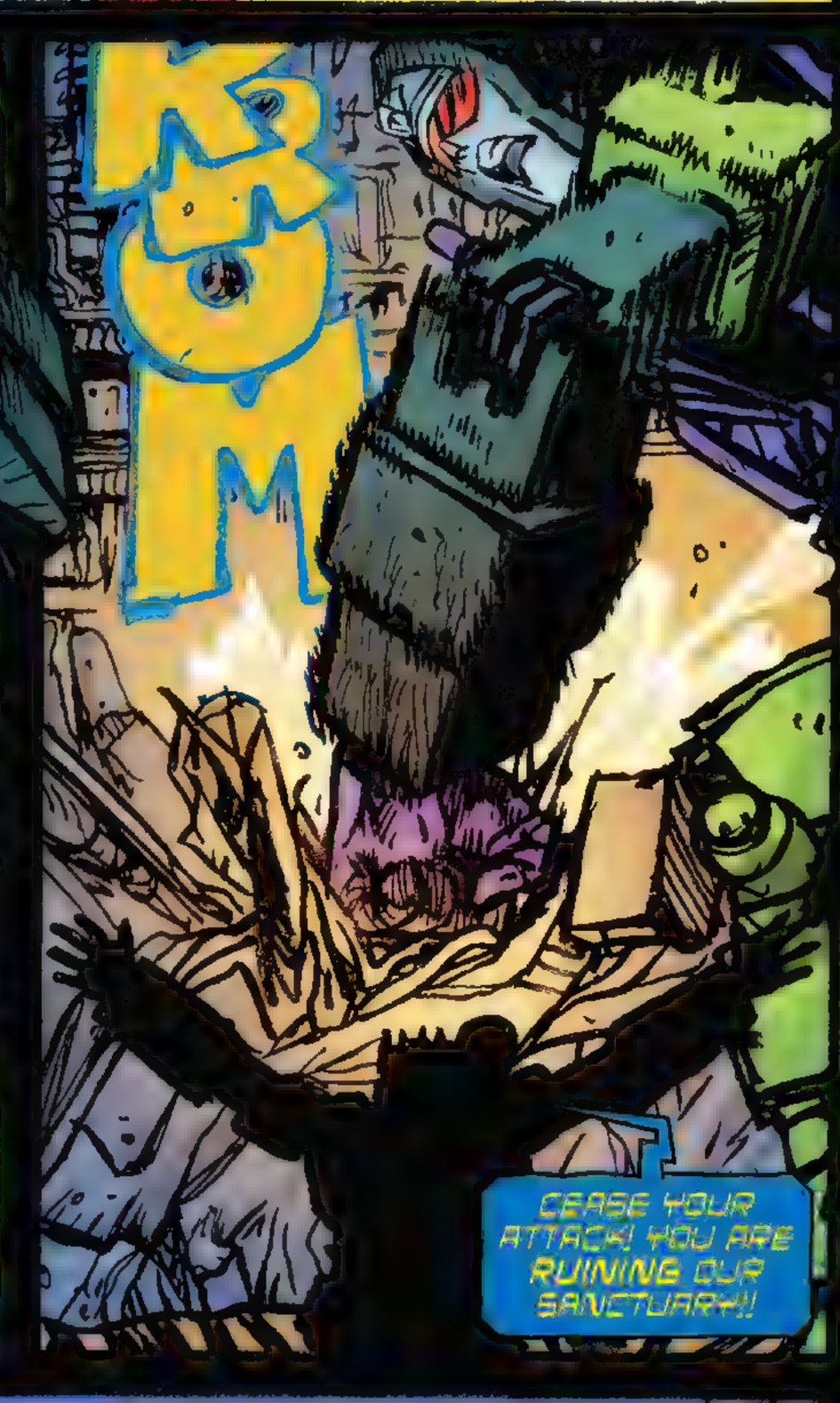

HE'S GOT MY LEG!


HANG ON, BUDDY!
JUST CLOSE IT! CLOSE IT!

CHAK

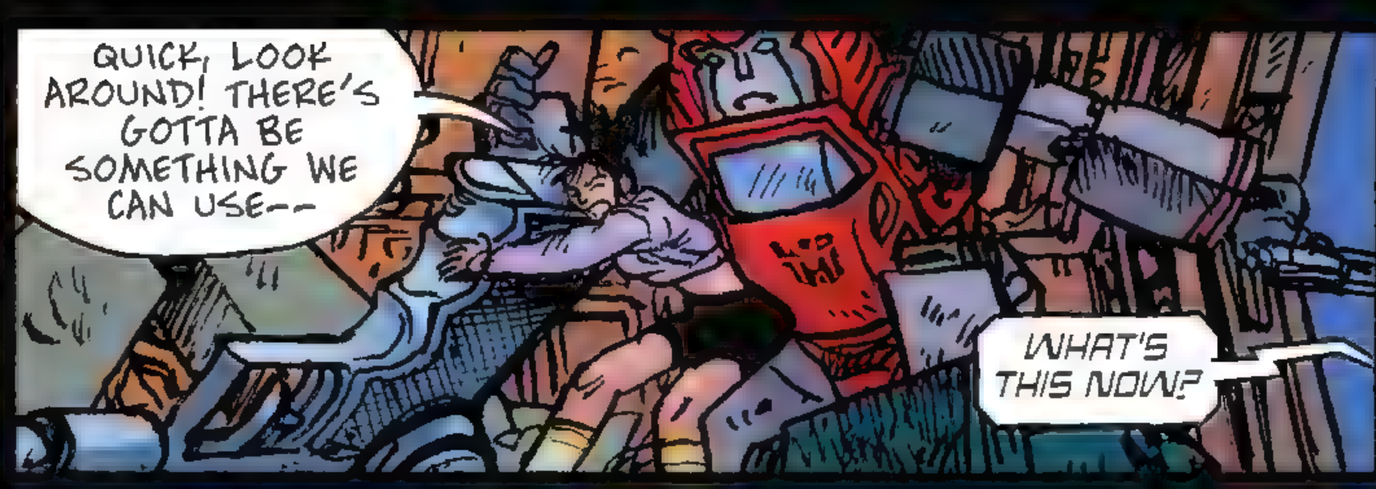

SHUK
AGHH!

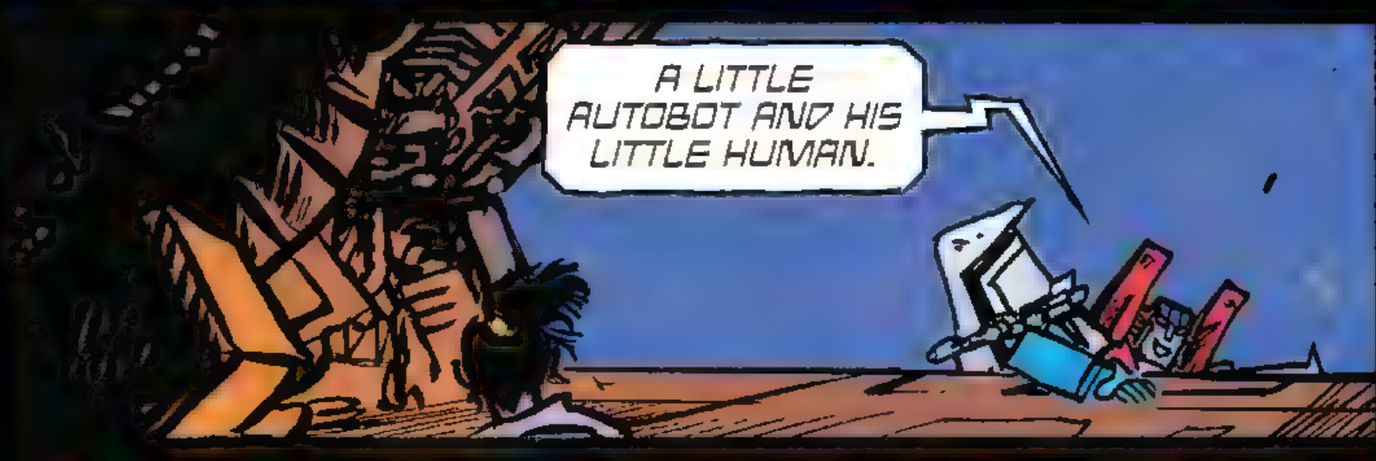
GRAHHHH!
DEVASTATOR

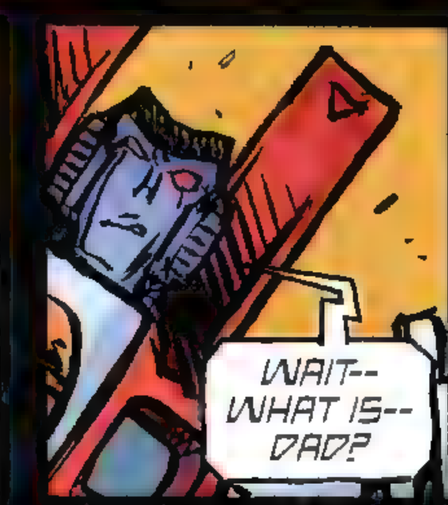

CEASE YOUR ATTACK! YOU ARE RUINING OUR SANCTUARY!!

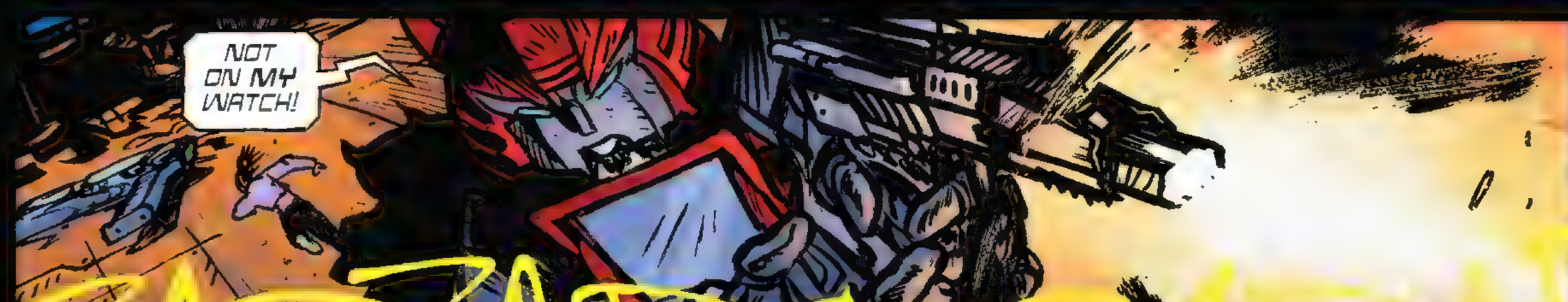
MY INTERIOR SCANS SHOW THIS SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN HAS CONSIDERABLY LESS ROCK FORMATION BETWEEN US AND THE ARK.

DEVASTATOR WILL DIG. DEVASTATOR WILL DESTROY!

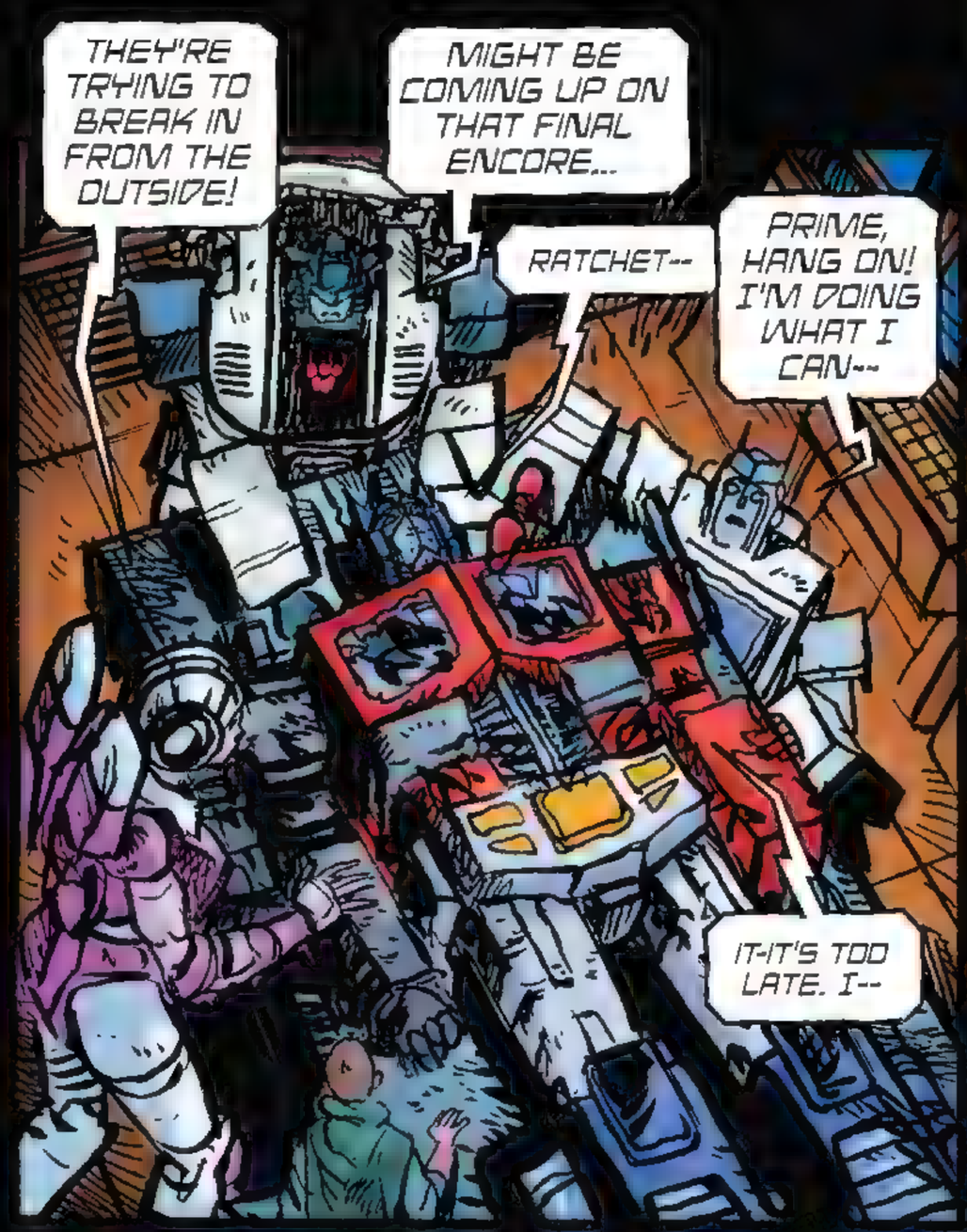








ZAP ZAP ZAP ZAP


THEY'RE TRYING TO BREAK IN FROM THE OUTSIDE!
MIGHT BE COMING UP ON THAT FINAL ENCORE...
RATCHET--
PRIME, HANG ON! I'M DOING WHAT I CAN--
IT-IT'S TOO LATE. I--

BOOM

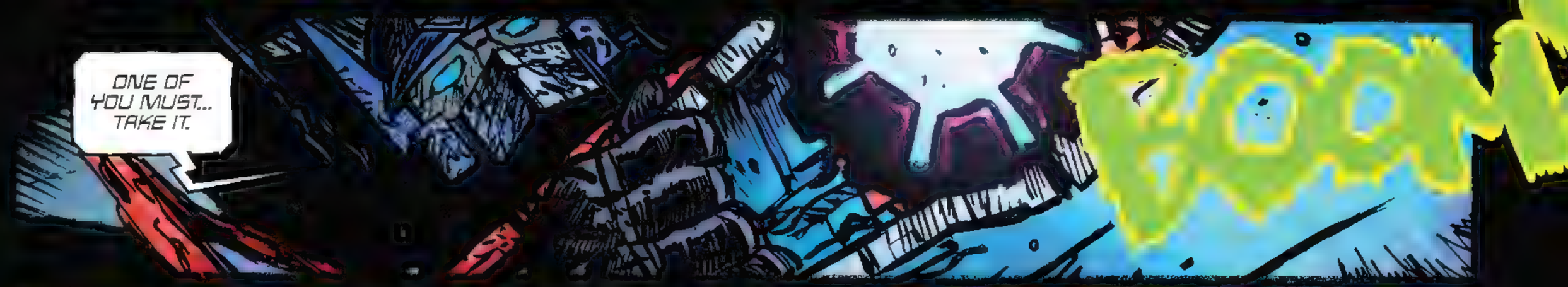
RATCHET? WHAT DOES HE MEAN?
BOOM
YOU... CAN'T FIX HIM?
HIS WOUNDS... THEY...

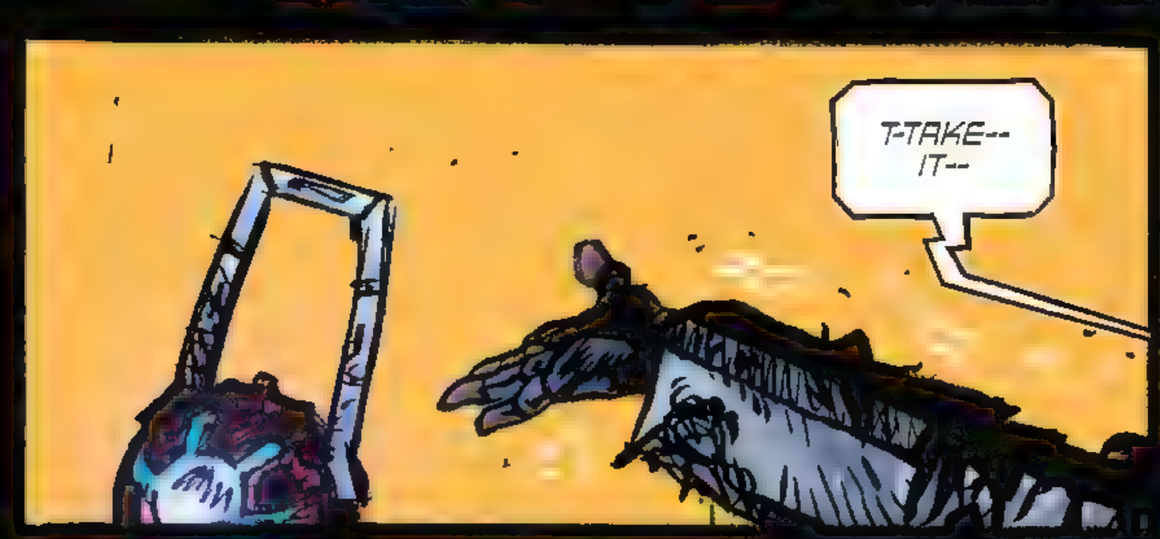
I DON'T THINK HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT.
BOOM

MY FRIENDS. I AM SORRY. I THOUGHT WE STILL HAD...HOPE. IT'S WHY I LED US HERE, AWAY FROM CYBERTRON. TO FIND ANOTHER WAY. BUT I SEE NOW JETFIRE WAS RIGHT.

NO, PRIME, NO. YOU CAN DO IT. WE CAN DO IT, STILL. YOU CAN'T--

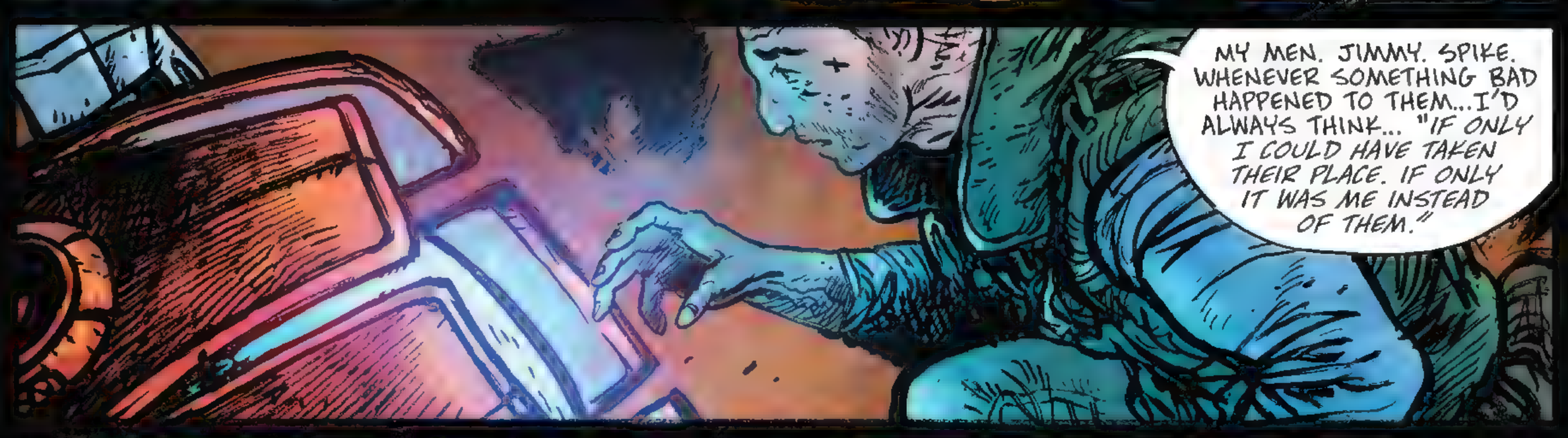
...YOU CAN'T DIE.
I CAN FEEL MY GEARS SLOWING, ARCEE. MY SPARK IS GIVING WAY. IT IS MY TIME.


ONE OF YOU MUST... TAKE IT.
BOOM


T-TAKE-- IT--

TOSING

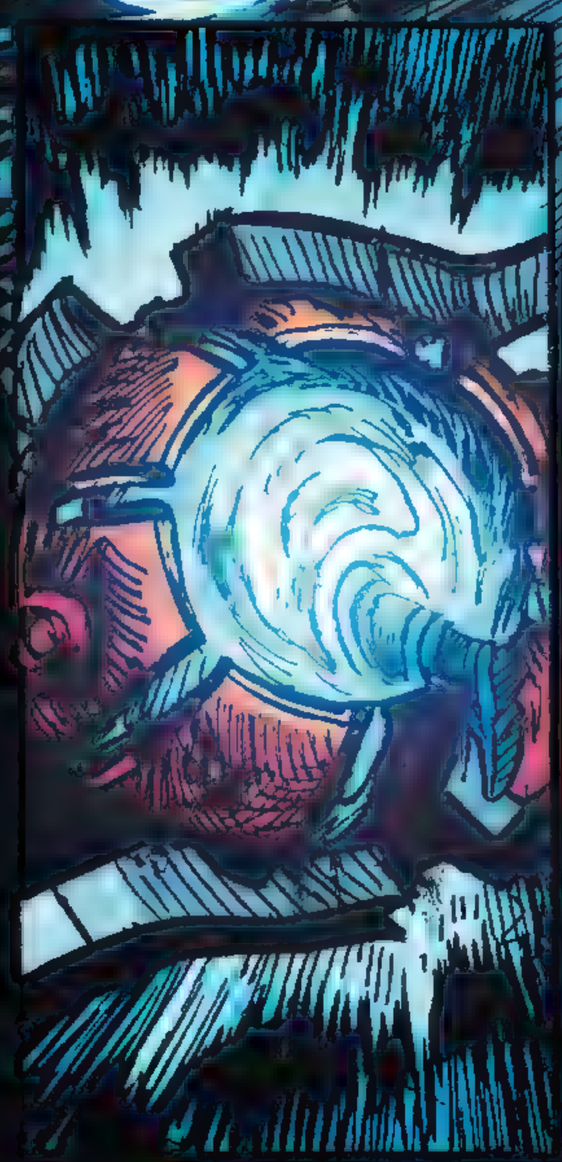
BOOM!
IF THERE ONLY WAS A WAY...
SPARKY...?

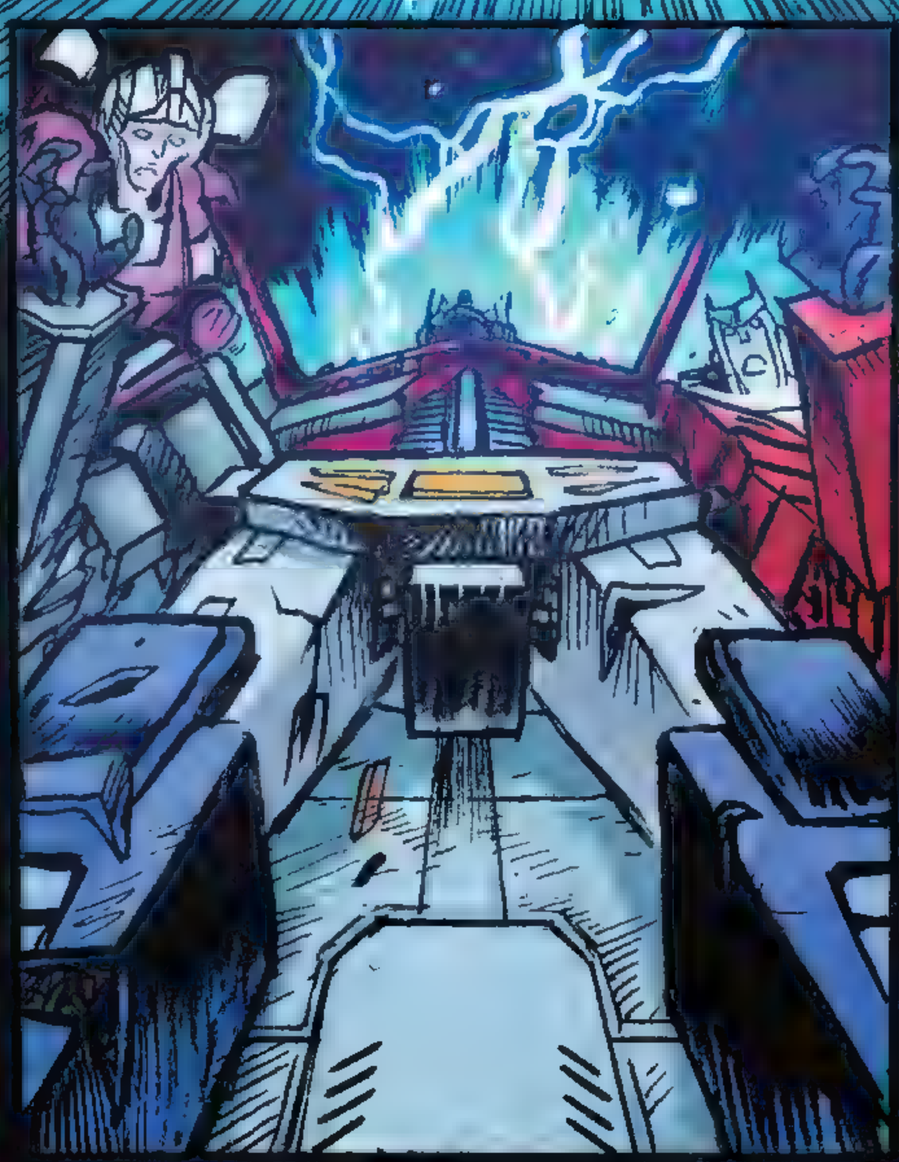

MY MEN. JIMMY. SPIKE. WHENEVER SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED TO THEM...I'D ALWAYS THINK... "IF ONLY I COULD HAVE TAKEN THEIR PLACE. IF ONLY IT WAS ME INSTEAD OF THEM."

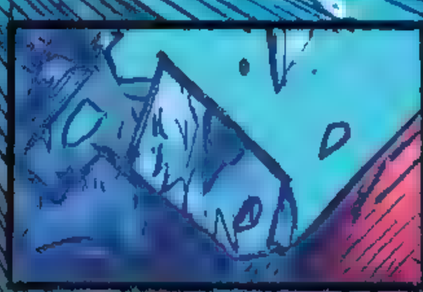
BOOM!
MAYBE NOW IS MY CHANCE.

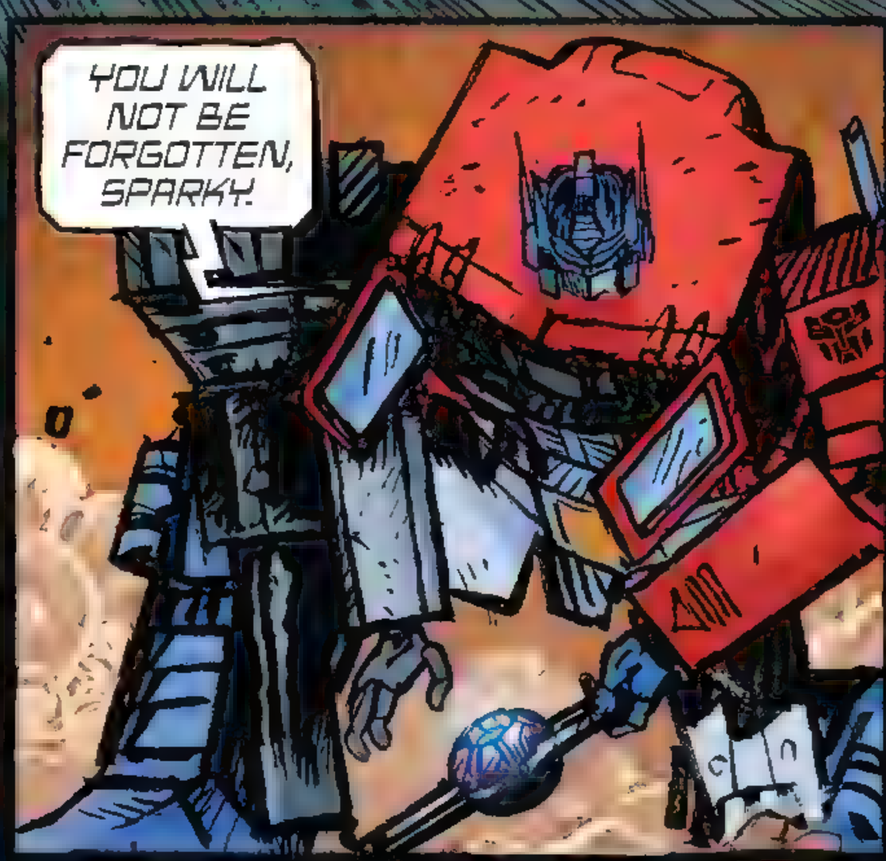
BOOM!
I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO CARE FOR THIS WORLD LIKE I CARE FOR MY BOYS.
SPARKY...
WATCH OVER THEM FOR ME?
AND WHEN SPIKE WAKES...

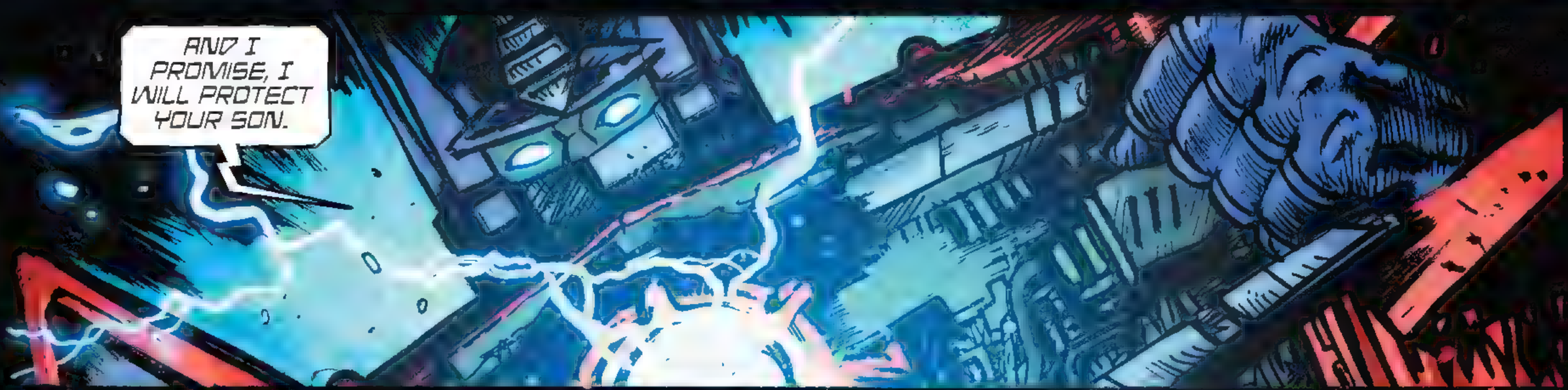
TELL MY SON I'M PROUD OF HIM.











STARTING WITH THIS GREEN DEMON.
ZAPP
YAHHHHH!
MY-- HAND!!!

AWK
AWW
BOOM
BOOM

I REMEMBER YOUR KIND! I REMEMBER YOUR CLAN! IT WAS A **PLEASURE** AS I RIPPED EACH OPTIC NERVE FROM THEIR WEEPING FACES!

NOW, CARLY!

WHA--?

GEEAHH!

I REMEMBER THAT DAY LIKE IT HAPPENED MINUTES AGO.

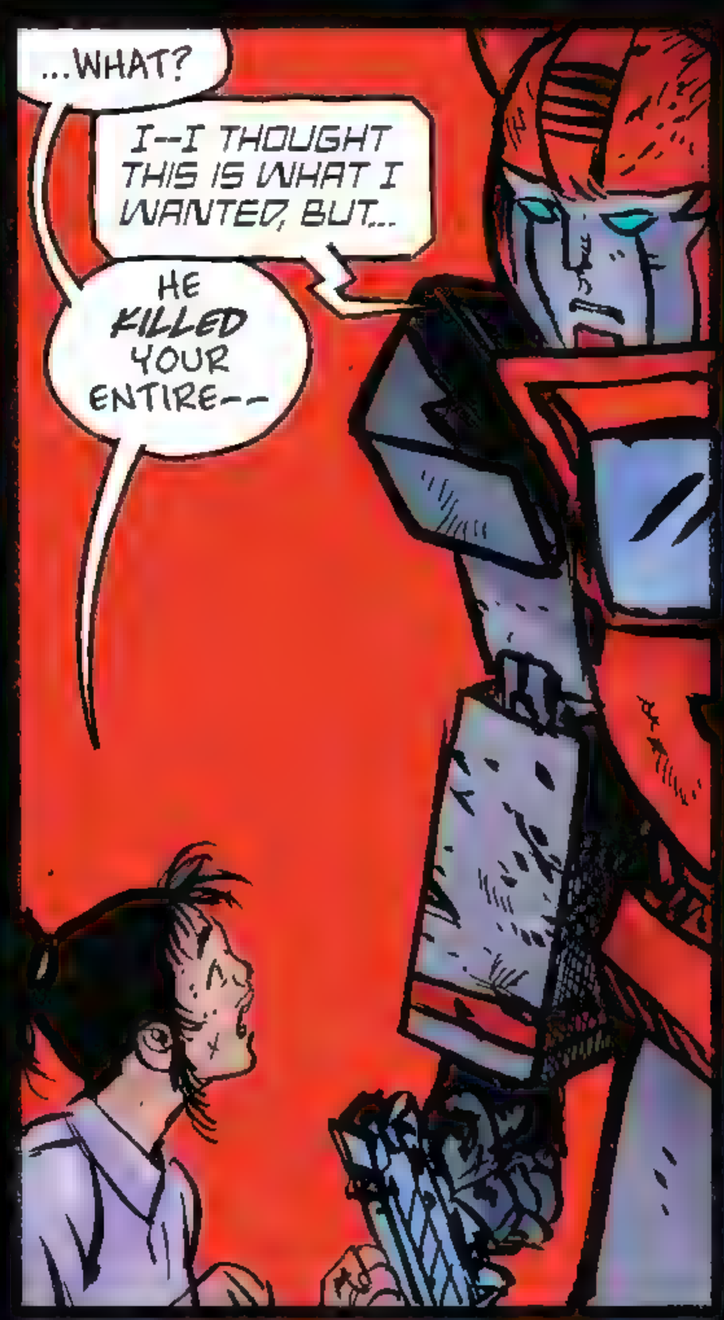
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT THIS MOMENT WOULD FEEL LIKE.

PLEASE--!

CLIFF?

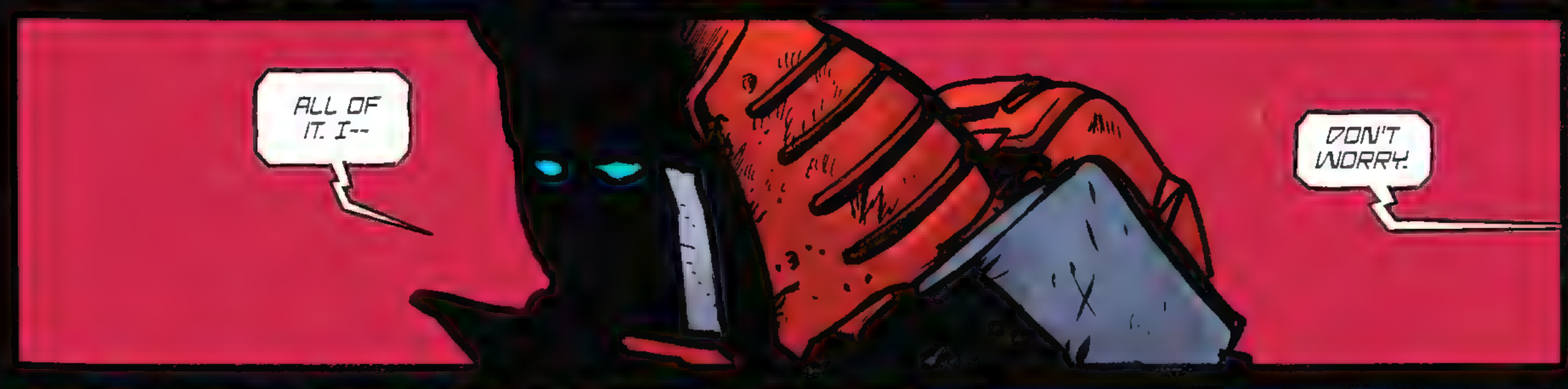
I-I--

CAN'T DO IT.


...WHAT?
I--I THOUGHT THIS IS WHAT I WANTED, BUT...
HE KILLED YOUR ENTIRE--

I KNOW, CARLY.

MY DAD!
I JUST-- I'M TIRED OF IT.

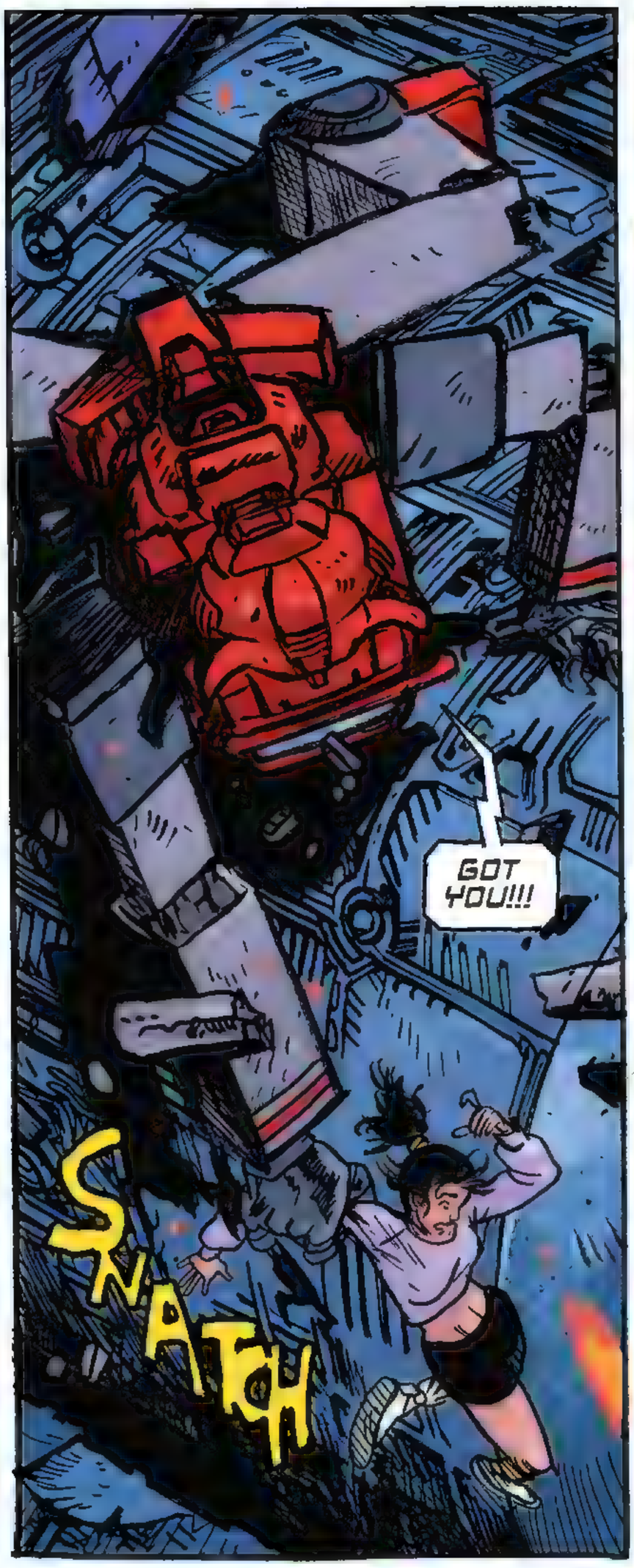

ALL OF IT. I--
DON'T WORRY.

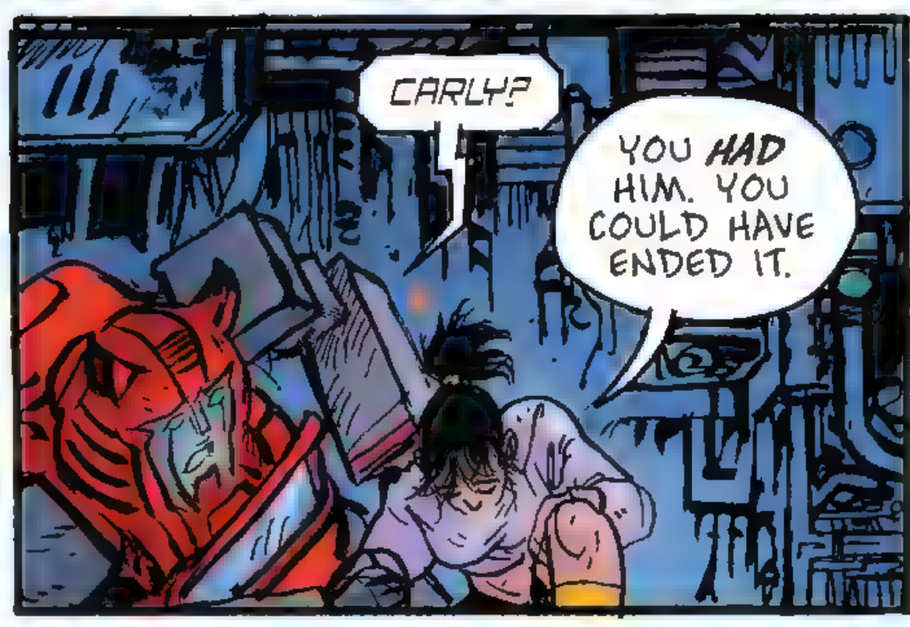
YOU'LL BOTH BE PUT TO REST SOON.
CARLY?

STUPID RED ANT!
POW
CRASH
MF
COWARD!
VOOM
KHFkokkNEG
IS THAT ALL, DEVASTATOR?

STAY--- STILL!
THAT'S RIGHT...
COME GIVE ME YOUR BEST SHOT!!!
HKKKKK--
BOOM

LET HER GO!
HMMM.
NO.
AGHHH!!!
SQUEEEEEE

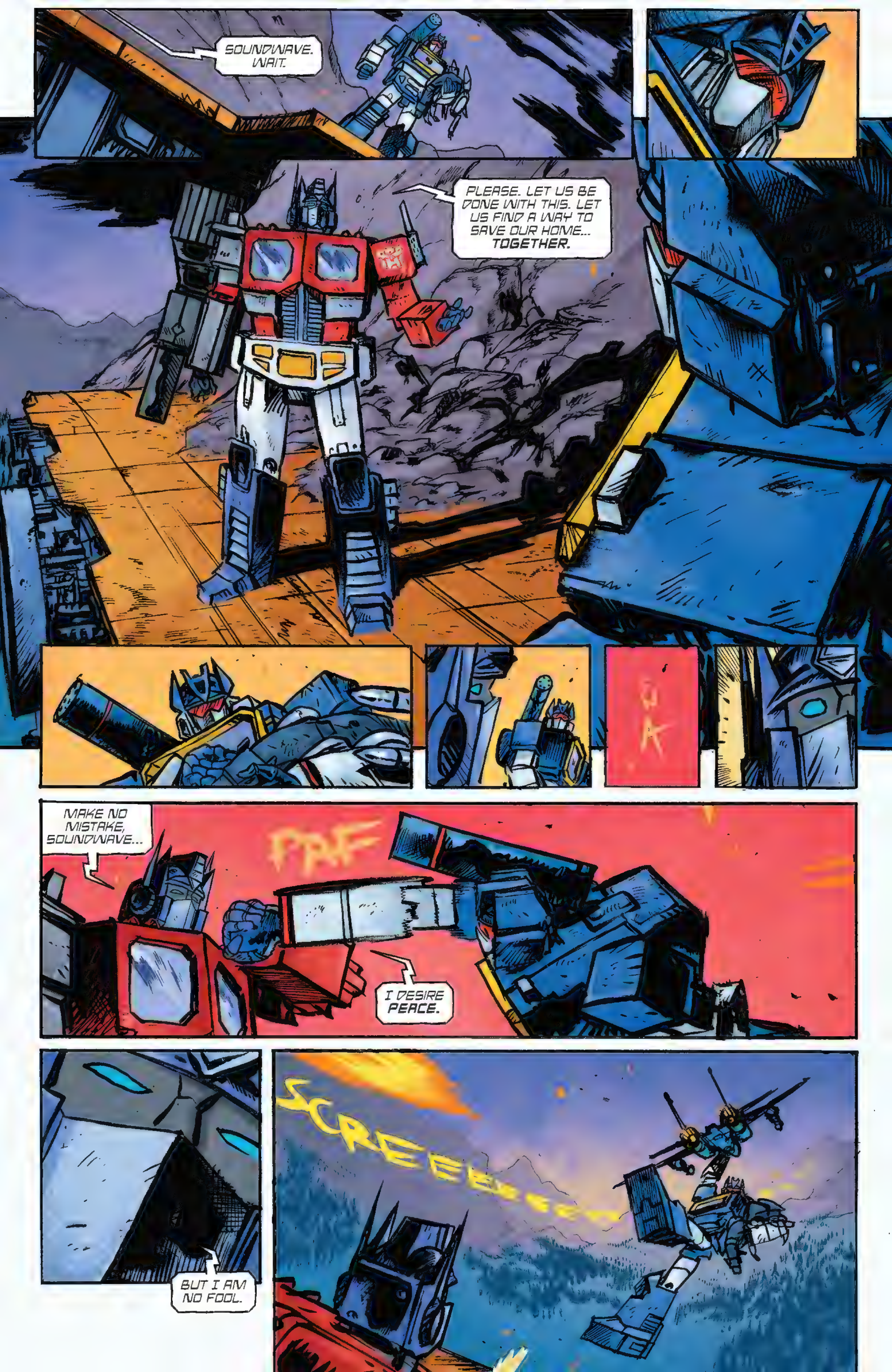

GOT YOU!!!
SNATCH


CARLY?
YOU HAD HIM. YOU COULD HAVE ENDED IT.

YOU COULD HAVE ENDED ALL OF IT.

STARSCREAM! WE HAVE BEEN ROUTED! CAN YOU FLY??
HKKKK--
FEAR NOT, MY FRIEND.

WE WILL CARRY YOU TO SAFETY!


SOUNDWAVE. WAIT.
PLEASE. LET US BE DONE WITH THIS. LET US FIND A WAY TO SAVE OUR HOME... TOGETHER.
MAKE NO MISTAKE, SOUNDWAVE...
PRF
I DESIRE PEACE.
BUT I AM NO FOOL.
SCREEEE

UNTIL NEXT TIME, DECEPTICON.

DOCTOR! HE'S AWAKE!

HOSPITAL

ERGENCY

SPIKE! DON'T TRY TO SPEAK--

Wheres my dad?

THANK YOU FOR THE INSPIRATION, PETER!

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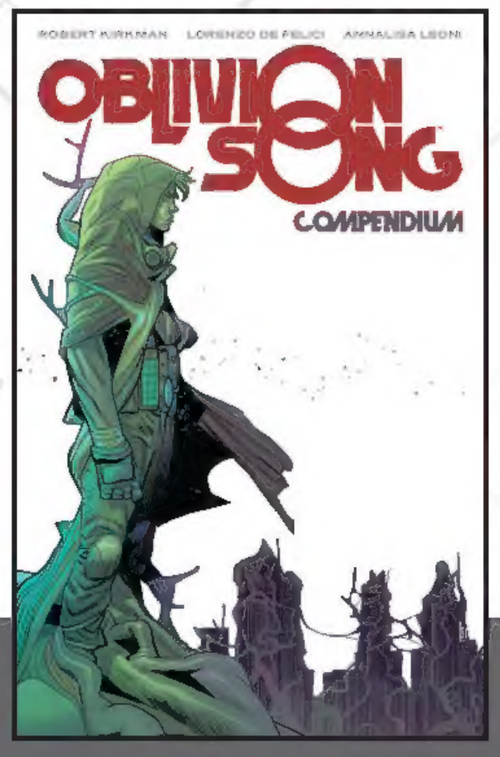

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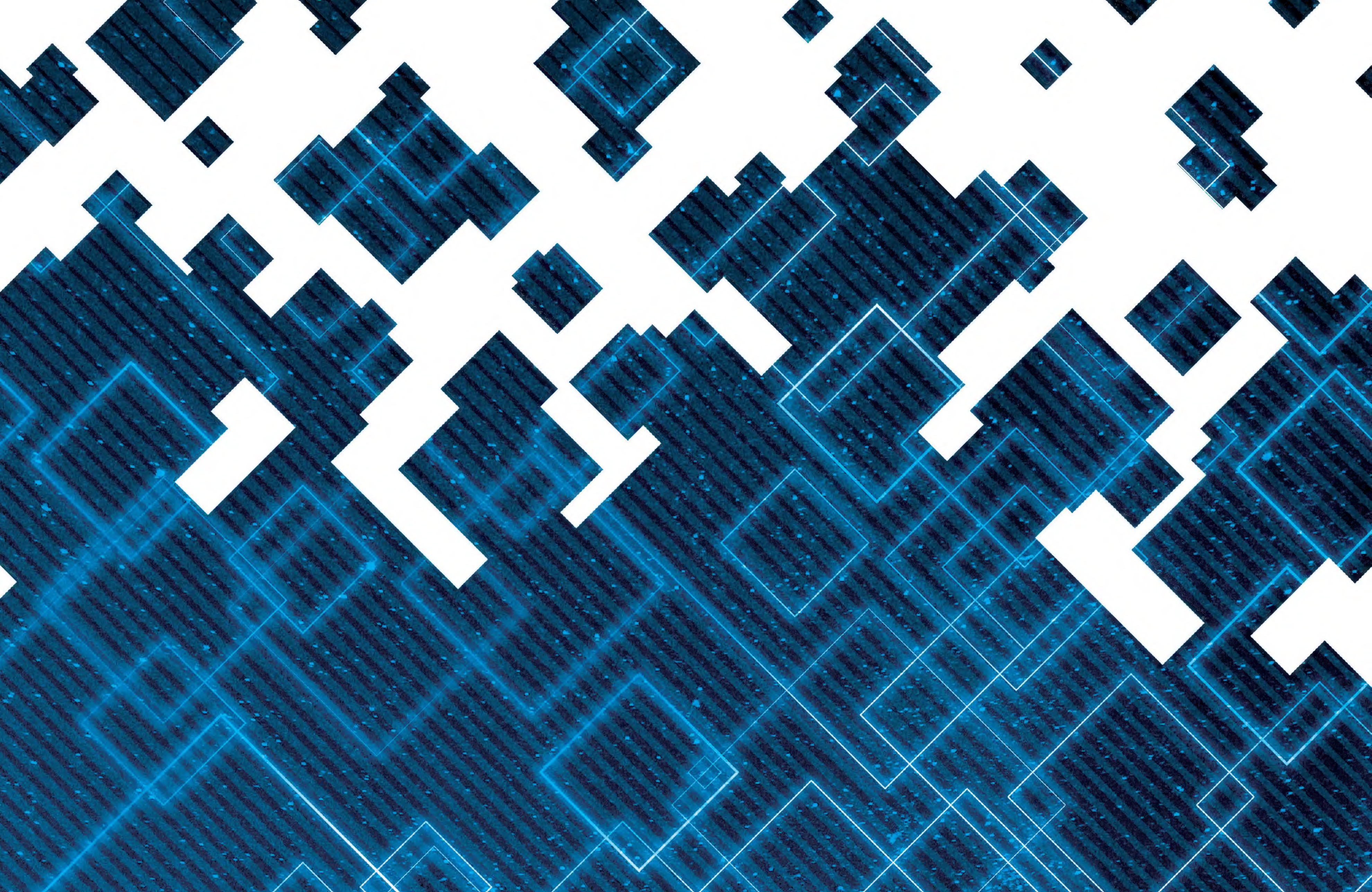

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